



Rawlins Adopt-A-Street Program

Sponsored by the City of Rawlins

What is Adopt A Street?

Adopt-A-Street is a partnership among the City of Rawlins and Rawlins residents. This program promotes continual clean up of the Rawlins community. The program is simple. Any civic-minded organization (scouting, professional groups, garden clubs, employee associations, school groups) or an individual agree to adopt a street section and take responsibility for keeping it clean.

How to get started?

Each group or individual will make an agreement with the City to keep the sidewalk and adjoining areas free from litter and debris. A City of Rawlins representative through the Department of Recreation Services will assist the group in establishing a specific street segment to be "adopted." They will assist in: executing an agreement, setting a pick up schedule, distributing trash bags and safety vests, and discussing safety rules with the contact person for the group.

What are the adopted areas?

A list has been generated as a starting point for an eventual community-wide Adopt-A-Street. Areas are about one-half mile in length and include both sides of the street. An Adopter will adopt a section to be determined by agreement between the City and the Adopter. The Adopter will designate someone to serve as the contact person/spokes-person for the group should there be an issue or question about pick up time, return of materials, re-scheduling, etc.

What is the adoption time period?

The Adopters must adopt for a period of one year. An annual renewal will be encouraged and appreciated.

What are the clean up responsibilities?

Adopters should do a minimum of two (2) clean ups during the year, preferably in spring and fall. Of course, more frequently scheduled times should make each clean up quicker.

Once a day and time for cleanup has been determined by for the group, contact Department of Recreation Services Superintendent, Patti Hays, at 324-7529, and inform her of plans for pickup of supplies, if needed, for the event. The bags can be collected by the City after the pick up if arranged.

Should any large items, such as furniture, large appliances, etc., be found during clean up session, the Adopters should note the location and notify the coordinator.

The Adopters should **not** pick up any materials other than what fits the criteria of household garbage, fast food trash, ever-present plastic bags, and anything able to be disposed of inside a trash bag. Report the location of any hazardous materials. Do **not** put them in the trash bags.

Strict adherence of safety rules plus common sense during each clean up will contribute to a successful experience and Rawlins Pride.

If children younger than 18 participate, the Adopting Organization assumes all responsibility.

How will Adopter's be shown appreciation?

Adopters will be receive multiple public "Thank You's" and recognition by the City and the residents in the community. This will include a certificate of appreciation to hang in a location chosen by the adopter, acknowledgement in the media, and acknowledgement at City Council, invited to the City of Rawlins Clean-Up Day BBQ, and perhaps, at some point, a sign in the adopted section.

Safety Rules

- A. Park all vehicles clear of the roadway.
- B. Before you start, review all Safety and Pedestrian Rules with all volunteers in your group.
- C. Wear gloves and thick-soled shoes.
- D. Wear long pants and long-sleeved shirts
- E. Wear the safety vest provided.
- F. Stay off roadways
- G. Face oncoming traffic.
- H. Have a first aid kit readily available.
- I. Have drinking water available.
- J. Never pick up sharp objects.
- K. Be alert for rodents/snakes.
- L. Clean up areas during daylight hours.
- M. Do not work in bad or threatening weather.
- N. Avoid over-exertion.
- O. Wear sun screen and/or bug repellent.
- P. Be sure to thoroughly wash your hands after you are finished.

Adopt-A-Street Program Agreement (One per Adopting Organization)

The City of Rawlins and Adopter _____
recognize the need to enhance the image of our community.

The Adopt-A-Street program has been established for concerned participants (Adopters) to partner with the City of Rawlins to contribute toward the effort of maintaining cleaner streets.

As indicated by their signature on this agreement, the above Adopter, enters into a contract to clean the Adopter's section of street _____
from _____ to _____. The Adopter agrees that it is aware of the nature of the work that is to be performed and has agreed to follow the City's rules, procedures, guidelines, and instructions. The individual participants must sign a waiver each time and agree to not hold the City of Rawlins responsible for any injuries he or she may suffer as a result of participation in the program. A waiver, also, will be signed to agree that a photograph of an individual may be taken and used for any lawful purpose such as publicity, advertising or web content.

This agreement shall be valid for a period of one year beginning __/__/__. At the end of the year, an extension may be granted. Each Adopter will be given first right of refusal for the section adopted the previous year. The City of Rawlins may cancel this agreement if the Adopter fails to meet its obligation for its adopted section of street after the City has notified the Adopter in writing of its failure to comply with the agreement.

Adopt-A-Street Program
Contact Information

The Adopter: _____ designates as primary contact:

Name: _____

Title within Adopting Group (if applicable): _____

Mailing Address: _____

_____ city state zip code

Phone: _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____

Signature: _____