

Department of Transportation

KEEP TIFT BEAUTIFUL
ADOPT-A-MILE

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- A. Keep Tift Beautiful Requirements:
1. All adopting organizations must sign an Adopt-A-Highway program agreement.
 2. Keep Tift Beautiful will have final approval on all routes adopted and approve time of litter pick-up.
(For example: No interstate highway or holiday pick-ups.)
 3. Adopting organizations must adopt a minimum of one mile (preferably two miles).
 - Adopting organization must pick up litter at least once a quarter (four times a year)
 - Adopting organization must advise the Keep Tift Beautiful office after the litter pick-up with a status report.
 - Option to renew agreement after one year.
- B. Public Works Department Will Furnish:
1. All signs
 - 18x24 Adopt-A-Mile parent sign
 - 6x24 organization name sign
 2. Litter bags
 - Pick-up of full litter bags
 - Disposal of full litter bags
 - Safety vests
 3. A contact person from department
 - To furnish information on roadway safety prior to litter pick-up
 - To coordinate distribution of bags and vests
 - To coordinate removal of full litter bags
 - To coordinate erection of all signs
 - To assist as the Department deems necessary

- C. Adopting Organizations
1. Civic and non-profit organization
Participants must be at least 12 years of age
If under age of majority, must have written parental consent
 2. Commercial organization
Cannot display any product ID
Cannot display address or phone number
Cannot display any product or service reference
Organization sign to be used only with parent sign
 3. All organizations must be approved by the Georgia Department of Transportation and Keep Tift Beautiful.
 4. Must complete Adopt-A-Mile status report and forward to Keep Tift Beautiful after each pick-up.
 5. If adopting organization fails to perform satisfactorily, it will be removed from the Adopt-A-Mile Program.
- D. Safety:
1. Public Works Department to advise and assist with safety as Department deems necessary.
 2. Department Advises Adopting Organization to:
Carpool to litter pick-up area if possible to keep vehicles to a minimum
Park vehicles clear of roadway
Keep work groups to a manageable size
Closely supervise youth groups
Not remove any hazardous material
Not pick up items on bridges, tunnels or overpasses
Stay clear of construction areas
Hold safety meeting with group prior to litter pick-up
Not pick up litter during inclement weather, hours of darkness or peak traffic hours
Be aware of possible contact with poisonous plants, stinging insects, fire ants and snakes
Consider the possibility of any participant's known allergies prior to litter pick-up
Not allow participants to partake of, possess or distribute alcoholic beverages while involved in litter pick-up for Adopt-A-Mile
Make participants aware that they are working in a potentially dangerous environment and caution them to act accordingly

WHAT IS ADOPT-A-MILE?

This is a litter prevention program sponsored by Keep Tift Beautiful and Georgia Department of Transportation to attract public involvement in picking up litter along highways.

Litter along our highways has reached an epidemic stage. Keeping our roadways clear of litter has proven to be a very time consuming and extremely expensive operation for Tifton and Tift County.

This program is gaining attention as it is becoming a major program of our Keep Tift Beautiful volunteer network.

WHO CAN ADOPT?

Any civic-minded organization, such as Garden Clubs, Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts/ Brownies, Church Groups, Junior or Senior High School Student Councils, FFA/FHA, Kiwanis Clubs, etc. can adopt a stretch of paved highway (one mile minimum) in our community.

WHAT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF AN ADOPTING ORGANIZATION?

Through such adoption, an organization would have responsibility of controlling the litter problem within that section of highway. In addition, the organization will:

- Plan for a general cleanup four times a year;
- Remember to recycle—keep aluminum separate from litter to recycle;
- Coordinate with the Adopt-A-Mile project coordinator to carry out the plan.

All organizations will conduct safety meetings with volunteers to discuss dangers of working along the side of the roadway. The Department of Transportation will provide safety vests to all volunteers.

WHAT IS THE OBJECTIVE OF ADOPT-A-MILE?

The objective of the program is to create public awareness of the litter problem along Tift County's highways by making the adopted section of highway an example of community involvement that improves the beauty of the area through volunteer effort.

HOW DOES AN ORGANIZATION ADOPT?

Any interested group should contact the Adopt-A-Mile coordinator at the address below:

KEEP TIFT BEAUTIFUL
DUNCAN MCCLUSKY
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ADOPT-A-MILE PROGRAM

Whereas Keep Tift Beautiful and _____ Recognize the need and desirability of litter-free highways; and

Whereas the "Adopt-A-Mile" program has been established for Civic Organizations and interested parties to contribute toward the effort of maintaining litter-free highways; and

Whereas, the _____ is aware of the potentially hazardous work which is to be performed; and

Whereas, the _____ agrees to abide by the Adopt-A-Mile rules and regulations attached; and

Whereas, the _____ understands that Keep Tift Beautiful and Georgia Department of Transportation agree to cooperate in the development and implementation of the Adopt-A-Mile program, but cannot assume any liability with respect thereto.

Therefore, Keep Tift Beautiful recognizes:

_____ as the adopting organization for

_____ Highway Name

_____ Beginning to Ending Point

Furthermore, the _____ accepts the responsibility of picking up litter on this section of Georgia Department of Transportation Roads, and promoting a litter-free environment in the community, at least four (4) times during the year.

_____ Name of Organization

_____ Authorized Signature Title

_____ Address

_____ Telephone Number

_____ Approved by Keep Tift Beautiful

Email the completed form to: keptiftbeautiful@gmail.com