

Adopt-A-Stream Safety Guidelines

- Children may participate with proper supervision by an adult and parental/guardian signature.
- Stream cleanup should be completed during daylight hours only.
- **Conduct a safety meeting for all participants prior to each cleanup.**
- **Wear light colored clothing that covers arms and legs. Wear rubber boots or waders, gloves, hats, and safety glasses.**
- Work in small groups. **Do not work alone.**
- Stay clear of any construction.
- Do not work in inclement weather.
- During warm weather months, drink plenty of fluids, take breaks and avoid overexertion.
- During cold weather months, dress warmly with layered clothing.
- Be alert for snakes, stinging insects, and poisonous plants.
- Carpool to the site to reduce the number of vehicles.
- Be aware of wet rocks, hills, and slopes. Watch your step.
- Do not pick up trash or walk on bridges, on overpasses, or in tunnels or culverts.
- **Do not pick up anything that looks to be hazardous materials.** Notify your Adopt-A-Stream coordinator if you encounter hazardous objects, holes, guy wires and other hidden obstacles in the ground.
- Do not attempt to squeeze bags to make room for more trash.

In Case of Emergency:

- Have an adequate first-aid kit available
- Select an emergency room/hospital and know the route from the work area to the designated treatment facility.
- If possible, make sure that one member of your group has a cell phone for emergencies.

Bag Pickup Procedure

Notify the Adopt-A-Stream Coordinator of the location of the bags (727-8013/747-6960). Be sure to group the bags together and place them at least 8 feet from the side of the road to make the job of collecting them easier and safer.

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