

LITTER SWEEP

NORTH CAROLINA

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ADOPT-A-
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Sept 17 - Oct 1, 2016



VOLUNTEER LOCALLY

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BIANNUAL CLEANUP DRIVE

Forms, posters and telephone listings are available on our website.

THE LITTER SWEEP HOTLINE

1-800-331-5864

www.ncdot.gov/~littersweep

SWAT-A-LITTERBUG

Littering is illegal and a fineable offense upon conviction. G.S. 14-399.

Let us know when a person is littering by contacting the Office of Beautification through its online Swat-A-Litterbug process or by calling the NC State Highway Patrol at *HP or the NCDOT Customer Service at **1-877-DOT-4YOU** (1-877-368-4968).

Find out more at www.ncdot.gov/~litterbug.



**Flip up for
more information.**

SPRING LITTER SWEEP

 Please recycle this mailer after use.

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Safety Rules and Guidelines For Volunteers

- Park in areas that: provide safe entrance and exit of the pickup area; do not create hazards with other vehicles and equipment operating near the work area; provide maximum protection for volunteers getting in and out of the vehicle.
- All volunteers must wear an NCDOT approved orange safety vest. It is a good practice to wear long-sleeve shirts, gloves and high-top boots to protect against unforeseen hazards.
- Take extra precautions to prevent heat and cold stress when working in extreme temperatures. Pick up only during daylight hours and stop work during inclement weather.
- Face oncoming traffic while on foot. Stay off the road at least five feet from the pavement edge.
- Do not pick up in ditches, tunnels, on road surfaces, bridges, overpasses or medians. Avoid any construction.
- Work in small groups, allowing ample space for each volunteer to work safely.
- Place tools in safe position so that sharp points are not exposed.
- Be aware of hidden obstructions that may have sharp edges and broken glass, especially in grassy areas.
- Do not attempt to squeeze bags to make room for more trash. Use caution when handling trash bags containing broken or sharp objects. Use proper lifting techniques when lifting bags.
- Do not pick up what appears to be hazardous material or any type of container with unknown contents (notify your Adopt-A-Highway coordinator or NCDOT maintenance office if you encounter hazardous objects or holes, guy wires and other hidden obstacles in the ground).
- Place trash bags where they can be easily retrieved by NCDOT personnel and well clear of roadway traffic.
- Do not use or possess illegal drugs or alcohol prior to or during a cleanup.
- Furnish adequate supervision by one or more adults 21 years of age or older for groups that have volunteers 12-17 years of age. All volunteers must be at least 12 years of age with adult supervision to participate.
- Know the routes to medical care in case of emergency and have an adequate first-aid kit immediately available.
- Conduct a safety meeting for all volunteers prior to each cleanup and go over all safety procedures, rules and guidelines. View the "North Carolina Adopt-A-Highway Safety" video and the "Colorado Meth Lab Waste Recognition" video prior to participating in a cleanup.

You can access all safety information and videos from our website at www.ncdot.gov/~littersweep.

Visit www.ncdot.gov/~littersweep to download forms:

- Fall 2016 Litter Sweep poster
- Certificate of Appreciation request form
- Keep North Carolina Beautiful Most Unusual Litter Contest entry form
- Safety rules and regulations for volunteers
- Adopt-A-Highway reporting instructions
- Litter Sweep cleanup procedures
- Adopt-A-Highway media form
- For questions or to request copies, call 1-800-331-5864

Visit your local NCDOT maintenance office for gloves, safety vests, orange trash bags reversible to blue color for glass, metal and plastic for recycling. Dispose of recyclables yourself. AAH can report pickups online or smart phone. Other volunteers can call their local NCDOT county maintenance office to pick up the filled orange trash bags from the roadside.

Reminder: It is illegal to dispose of aluminum cans and plastic bottles in the landfills.

Support a litter free NC!

www.ncdps.gov/litterfreenc

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REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION (Please print.)

Issue in name of _____

Mail to _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____

Phone (Work) _____ (Home) _____

Email _____

Deadline to request certificate is Nov. 1, 2016.

Mail or fax to NCDOT Office of Beautification
1540 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1540 / Fax: (919) 715-2554

**THANK YOU FOR
PARTICIPATING SAFELY
IN LITTER SWEEP.**