

**KEEP TIFTON BEAUTIFUL
ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY**

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- A. Keep Tift Beautiful:**
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 organization 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
 - Litter pick-up in process signs
 - 18x24 Adopt-A-Highway parent sign
 - 6x24 organization name sign.
 2. Litter Bags
 - Pick-up of full litter bags
 - Disposal of full litter bags
 - Orange 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 gull litter bags
 - To coordinate erection of all signs
 - To assist as the Department deems necessary
- C. Adopting Organization:**
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 Organizations
 - Cannot display any product I.D
 - 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 of by Keep Tift on Beautiful and the Georgia Department of Transportation.
 4. Must complete Adopt-A-Highway status report and forward to the Keep Tifton Beautiful Coordinator after each pick-up.
 5. If adopting organization fails to perform satisfactorily, it will be removed from the Adopt-A-Highway 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 or distribute alcoholic beverages while involved in litter pick-up for Adopt-A-Highway**
 - Make participants aware that they are working in a potentially dangerous environment and caution them to act accordingly**

WHAT IS ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY?

This is a litter prevention program sponsored by the 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 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, Rotary Clubs, etc. can adopt a stretch of paved highway (one mile minimum) in our community.

WHAT IS 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 glass and aluminum separate from litter to recycle;
- Coordinate with the Adopt-A-Highway project coordinator to carry out the plan.

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

WHAT IS THE OBJECTIVE OF ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY?

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-Highway coordinator at the address below:

KEEP TIFT BEAUTIFUL
Houston Shultz
 P. O. Box 229
TIFTON, GEORGIA 31794
 hshultz@tifton.net

**KEEP TIFT BEAUTIFUL
ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY PROGRAM**

Whereas, Keep Tift Beautiful and _____
Recognize the need and desirability of litter-free highways, and whereas, the "Adopt-A-Highway" 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 the Adopt-A-Highway rules and regulations attached; and

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

Therefore, the 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

Mail completed form to:
City of Tifton
Keep Tift Beautiful
Houston Shultz
PO Box 229
Tifton, Georgia 31793

Adopt a Mile Pickup Information Sheet

Name of Organization:

Area or Street Adopted:

Date of Pick Up:

Number of Participates in Pickup:

Number of Bags Collected:

Time taken for the Pickup:

Any other important information (include any changes in contact people with your organization):

Thank You,

Houston Shultz, KTB Coordinator
City of Tifton Code Enforcement
City of Tifton

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ADOPT-A-SPOT AGREEMENT

I/We _____, hereinafter known as the Adopter, hereby accept the responsibilities for beautification of property located at _____, hereinafter referred to as the Adopt-A-Spot for a period of one (1) year beginning _____ and ending _____, unless otherwise extended. This understanding is made between the Adopter and Keep Tift Beautiful upon agreement of the terms listed below:

The Adopter Agrees:

To check the area on a regular basis and remove litter, rocks, leaves, and other debris not properly a part of the area.

To plant trees, shrubs, flowers and other plants appropriate for the area, that shall not cast shadows over the roadway, have root systems that will break sidewalks, interfere with underground or overhead power lines, disrupts visual ability of motorists, blocks traffic signs or signals.

To remove weeds on an as-needed basis, mow and keep area neat at all times; edge curbs and beds, mulch beds and shrubs as needed; fertilize the area at least yearly, check trees, shrubs and plants for disease and treat, remove or prune as appropriate.

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To arrange permission and coordination with the appropriate governmental agency.

To erect a sign on the Adopt-A-Spot naming the Adopter.

To make periodic checks of Adopt-A-Spots and keep photographic records of its improvement.

To provide additional advice and/or ideas for beautification of the Adopt-A-Spot.

ADOPTER

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