



## ADOPT-A-ROAD PROGRAM SAFETY TIPS

### Litter Pick-up Safety Tips

- Never reach blindly to pick up an item. Use a tool such as a trash grabber to "identify" the item before grabbing or picking it up.
- All volunteers should wear gloves.
- Always use a tool to pick up dangerous litter.
- Dangerous or unsafe litter should be picked up by a designated person. You may want to designate one person to pick up dangerous litter, especially if participants in your group are minors.
- Pair up in teams. Working in pairs is generally safer than working alone. Doing so allows participants to look out for each other and for changes in their immediate environment.

### Guidelines & Instructions for Safety

**Watch for cars and other vehicles:** Volunteers should watch out for vehicles in the area they are cleaning. Sometimes drivers may not expect to see volunteers. Extreme care should be taken if your proposed clean-up efforts will include work in the street or alley ways.

**Obey traffic and signal lights:** Volunteers should obey traffic and signal devices and take caution in crossing streets. For example, members in your group should cross the street at the intersection and through marked crosswalks, if these are available.

**Handling dangerous litter:** Dangerous litter can be defined as objects that must be handled carefully to avoid cuts or injury (ie. broken glass, razor blades, etc.). These items should only be handled with trash grabbers.

**Hazardous items:** Hazardous garbage **MUST NOT** be handled by volunteers. Hazardous garbage can be defined as objects that contain harmful and/or corrosive chemicals (ie. car batteries) or objects that may carry harmful bacteria or disease (ie. dead animals, syringes, etc.). **Please contact the Civic Works Department at 250-365-5979, so arrangements can be made to dispose of these items.**

**Access to a phone:** If possible, have a cellular phone available in case of an emergency.

**Safety vests available:** Safety vests may be borrowed from the City by contacting the Civic Works Department at 250-365-5979. Vests are required when cleaning high traffic areas, such as Columbia Ave.