

## YOU MAKE THE DIFFERENCE:

Thank you for volunteering to participate in the City of Gig Harbor's **ADOPT-A-ROAD** Program. With the help of volunteers such as you, we can promote a safe, healthy and clean environment for all our citizens.

## REMEMBER - SAFETY FIRST!

Your safety while participating in the program is our primary concern, so please review this brochure thoroughly. In conjunction with our safety orientation, this brochure will assist you in conducting an effective and safety-oriented litter pick-up.

## PARTICIPANT REQUIREMENTS:

1. Be at least 15 years of age.
2. Be in good physical condition, with good hearing and eyesight.
3. Display common sense and concern for the safety of the public and other participants.

## SAFETY TRAINING:

Each volunteer must attend a safety orientation class before participating in any litter-removal program.

## FIRST AID:

We recommend that each litter crew have a First Aid kit appropriate for the crew's size and at least one person per crew should have a valid First Aid card.

# Do's & Don'ts

## CARPOOLING & PARKING AT THE WORK SITE:

If possible, carpool to the work site to avoid a large number of vehicles parked at the work site. Place *one* vehicle off the shoulder near the work site and turn on the hazard lights. The vehicle's driver should be familiar with the nearest route to medical facilities in case of an injury.

## SAFETY SIGNS & EQUIPMENT

The City of Gig Harbor will provide each litter crew with two safety signs and high visibility warning flags. Public Works personnel will demonstrate the correct manner in which to place signage. You will also be supplied with safety vests, helmets, and litterbags for all participants.

Be sure to place signs on the shoulder of the road - ahead of the work area - to give approaching motorists sufficient warning.

Each volunteer is responsible for maintaining his/her equipment and for returning defective, worn, or damaged equipment for repair or replacement.

## RECYCLING:

We encourage your group to recycle items such as aluminum beverage cans, bottles, etc. Proceeds from recycling may be kept by your organization.

## PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING SAFETY TIPS:

### CLOTHING:

We recommend that volunteers wear clothing that is protective and highly visible to the traveling public.

**Required** clothing includes the following:

**Long pants;** *no shorts, Bermudas, or swim wear.*

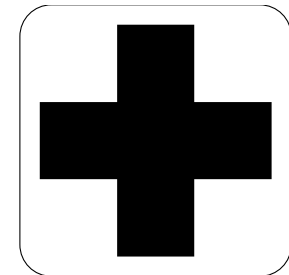
**Long-sleeved shirts;** *no tank tops or midriff-cut tops.*

**Thick-soled boots or shoes.** *No tennis or athletic shoes! Rubber boots are allowed during wet conditions.*

Leather gloves are advised because they provide the best protection against cuts and puncture wounds. Rubber gloves are permissible during wet conditions.

### EYE PROTECTION:

Protective eyewear is strongly recommended to prevent foreign objects from entering and injuring a crew member's eye.



## **SAFETY TIPS:**

- ❖ Watch your footing. Stay off rocky, steep, or unstable slopes. Watch for nails, broken glass, or other sharp objects.
- ❖ Avoid poison ivy, poison oak, blackberries and other thorny plants.
- ❖ Watch for stinging insects.
- ❖ Walk single file across bridges, narrow shoulders and roads.
- ❖ Always work toward oncoming traffic.
- ❖ Carry a box or tear-proof bag for broken glass or other sharp objects.
- ❖ Work only during daylight hours and in good weather conditions.
- ❖ Don't use headset-type radios that could interfere with your hearing.
- ❖ Don't engage in horseplay or pranks that may endanger someone.

## **Do Not Pick Up:**

- ❖ Litter on the traveled roadways, bridges, overpasses and tunnels.
- ❖ Exceptionally heavy or unyielding objects.
- ❖ Suspected hazardous materials, hypodermic needles or syringes.
- ❖ Dead animals (domestic or wild).

*Mark the location of these items and call the Public Works Department. for removal.*

# *Thank You!*



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## **VOLUNTEER LITTER CONTROL PROGRAM**

