

Adopt-A-Road

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

Minimum: At least 1 mile of road is required for adoption. Sometimes exceptions are made if it is a dead end road that is less than a mile long (ex. Richardson Rd). The County caps the roads/sections that can be adopted by any one person or group to 5.

Commitment: Groups are required to clean at least twice per year on the two designated cleanup days per year occurring on the first Saturday of May and October. Groups may clean more often but will be responsible for disposing of the garbage.

What road(s)/section(s) of road(s) are available? See Polk County website www.co.polk.or.us for listing of roads currently available or call the Public Works Office at 503-623-9287.

How do I adopt a section of road? Complete both an Adopt-A-Road Request Form and a Liability Release Form and submit to Public Works. Both forms are located on the Polk County website or available at the Public Works Department.

Liability Release Form: This form is required once every two years. A renewal form will be mailed approximately one month prior to the May cleanup day.

What does the County provide? Adopt-A-Road signs recognizing the group, litter patrol signs, safety vests, safety rules, bags and hazardous material flags. Vests must be returned within one week after cleanup to avoid a fee for cost of replacement.

Can children participate? Yes, between the ages of 12 and 17. Complete a Parental Consent Form for each child and return to the group leader prior to each cleanup. The form is located on the website or contact Public Works.

Jurisdiction: The program covers only County roads that are maintained by the Polk County Public Works Department.

How long does it take to get a sign installed? Range can be from a few days to approximately 2 weeks dependent upon the road crew's schedule. Both the Adopt-A-Road Request Form and the Liability Release Form must be submitted to Public Works before installation.

Sign is damaged/missing: The sign will initially be installed by Polk County at no charge. If a sign is later vandalized or stolen, it is the group's responsibility to pay for a new sign if the group requests the sign be replaced.

Contents of Sign: The sign must identify the group responsible for cleanup (i.e. Dallas Lions Club, Friends of Mistletoe Rd). Messages/slogans are not allowed (i.e. Eat more chikin).

Group requests withdrawal from the program: Submit in writing to the Public Works Office.