



KEEPING MISSOURI BEAUTIFUL

PRE-PICKUP SAFETY CHECKLIST

Volunteer Checklist



- Participants must be at least 14 years of age. Provide one adult to supervise for every 8 participants age 14-17.
- Work only during daylight hours.
- Carpool to minimize the number of vehicles on site and park off roadways and shoulders, preferably an adjacent parking lot or in the grass like a field entrance.
- Wear a safety vest. MoDOT will provide vests for volunteers.
- Be aware of oncoming traffic at all times. You are working near live traffic lanes and need to pay attention at all times.
- Walk and pickup trash while facing the direction of oncoming traffic and keep an eye on traffic.
- Walk together in pairs.
- Be cautious when crossing roadways. Use crosswalks and signals whenever possible.
- Pick up trash in the grass areas only, not on the shoulder, driving lanes or median of the highway.
- Stay clear of construction projects, mowing operations, and maintenance activities.
- Watch footing when walking on slopes and be cautious of holes and obstacles. Stay off steep slopes and uneven surfaces.
- Be alert for snakes, stinging insects, ticks, and poison ivy.
- Wear sunscreen, stay hydrated.
- Know the cell phone numbers for members within your group so contact can be made as your group spreads out.
- Have a first aid kit available and be aware of the nearest medical facility.
- Tie bag tops and place them together in grass near the shoulder.
- Return your vest to the MoDOT staff at your event when you are finished.



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Volunteer Restrictions



- Do NOT overstuff litter bags or compact them.
- DO NOT participate in horseplay or activity that might distract drivers or distract you from paying attention to vehicles on the roadway.
- DO NOT pick up litter in highway medians, under bridges, or along railroad tracks.
- DO NOT pick up items in a curb line or place any part of your person over the curb line or shoulder into traffic lanes.
- DO NOT pick up, remove the lid from, shake or even touch any hazardous substances, like syringes or drug-making equipment, or any other suspicious litter. Instead, mark the area in some way and notify the MoDOT staff or law enforcement (if participating) over to your area.
- DO NOT pick up or even touch items such as guns, knives, ammunition, etc. Mark the area in some way and notify the MoDOT staff or law enforcement (if participating) over to your area.



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