



# CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE Adopt-A-Street Program



**Building Community One Street at a Time**



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## OVERVIEW

The City of Fort Lauderdale developed the Adopt-A-Street Program to keep City streets litter free and beautiful. By working together, neighbors, local businesses, church groups, homeowner associations, and student groups can help build civic pride, protect our environment, and create a cleaner Fort Lauderdale to live, work, and play.

Adopt-A-Street is a cleanup campaign that offers a hands-on approach to beautification through litter removal and street maintenance. By participating in the program, civic-minded neighbors and organizations can take a more active role in their city to create inviting green spaces, prevent storm water pollution, preserve the environment, and build a more attractive Fort Lauderdale.

## HOW TO GET STARTED

1. Identify a mile-long public street within the City of Fort Lauderdale that you are interested in adopting.
2. Complete and submit an Adopt-A-Street Application online at [www.fortlauderdale.gov/adoptastreet](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/adoptastreet). You may also pick up an application at the Neighbor Support Office, located at 100 N. Andrews Avenue, 5th Floor, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301.
3. The Office of Neighbor Support will review your application and determine if your proposed street is suitable for adoption. Not all streets meet the necessary criteria. For instance, the street may already be adopted, there may be safety concerns, or the street may not meet the length requirements. If what you have proposed does not meet the necessary criteria, then Neighbor Support will help you identify a more appropriate street for your cleanup efforts.
4. Once the application is received and processed, Neighbor Support staff will contact you to provide an overview of the program and schedule the Adopt-A-Street installation.



# PROCEDURES AND GROUP RESPONSIBILITIES

## PARTICIPANT COMMITMENT:

- Participants agree to remove litter along the adopted segment of the street and from any storm drains on the street at least four times per calendar year for a minimum of two years.
- Participants will continue to be the sole adopters of their street after the two-year agreement, unless they decide they no longer want to participate or else if they neglect to continue to clean the street on a quarterly basis.
- Call or email Neighbor Support one week prior to each cleanup to schedule litter bag pick up and disposal. Remember to complete the [Cleaned Street Completion Form](#) within 24 hours afterwards.
- Separate recyclable materials from regular trash when possible to help reduce landfill waste and enhance the City's sustainable initiatives.
- Participants who see litter or hazardous materials inside any storm drains or notice clogged storm drains should report them to the 24-hour Call Center at (954) 828-8000 or through the [LauderServ app](#).
- When participants do not remove litter along an adopted street for a period of six months, the City of Fort Lauderdale may remove the Adopt-A-Street recognition sign. The vacated segment of the street will then be available for adoption by other interested parties.



## CITY'S COMMITMENT:

- The City of Fort Lauderdale will install one sign on the adopted street that recognizes the person or group that adopted the street if there is enough public right-of-way.
- The City will post a picture and brief description of your group (if provided) on its website under Adopt-A-Street Ambassadors.
- The City of Fort Lauderdale will loan equipment (e.g., trash bags, gloves, and pickers) for up to 15 volunteers prior to each cleanup event.
- The City of Fort Lauderdale will collect all trash bags for disposal after a cleanup event if participants are unable to properly dispose of the bags themselves.
  - To help the City facilitate the cleanup process, please collect all bags and place them under your Adopt-A-Street sign.
  - Please fill out and submit the [Cleaned Street Completion Form](#) within 24-hours via email.
- Neighborhood associations recognized by the City of Fort Lauderdale can earn up to six [Green Your Routine](#) (GYR) points annually by participating in the Adopt-A-Street program. Associations receive two points for registering with the program, and then, subsequently, one point for each quarterly cleaning. The name of the neighborhood association that should get GYR grant points must be included on the [Cleaned Street Completion Form](#).



## SAFETY POLICY

- Participants will designate a representative to act as the Safety Supervisor, who is at least 21 years of age. The Safety Supervisor's job is to ensure the general safety of the street cleanup participants. If necessary, the Safety Supervisor will be responsible for emergency communications and/or arranging transportation to the appropriate health care facility.
- The Safety Supervisor should visit the cleanup site to make sure construction is not occurring on the street. If construction is occurring, the cleanup effort should be rescheduled. Construction and cleanup efforts that occur at the same time may lead to driver confusion and potential accidents.
- Participants should have a first aid kit on site during the cleanup event. Safety kits are useful when dealing with minor cuts or scratches that may occur.



## DRESS FOR SAFETY

- Participants should not wear clothing that will restrict vision or use headphones while cleaning. Anything that distracts attention away from the cleanup effort may result in injury.
- Participants must wear a safety vest, which the City will loan to them prior to the scheduled cleanup events.
- Wear light-colored clothing.
- Wear closed toe shoes or boots. Sneakers are not recommended, as they may be torn easily by nails or broken glass.
- Wear a hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, and a long sleeve shirt to protect skin from harmful sunrays.



## CLEANUP SITE

- Carpooling to the cleanup site is encouraged. This will reduce the number of vehicles that need to be parked during the cleanup. Carpooling also reduces carbon emissions, travel costs, and traffic congestion.
- Participants should not park their vehicles on the street. If possible, it is best to use a parking lot to park all vehicles. Using one vehicle to shuttle volunteers from a parking lot to the cleanup site is effective.



## ON CLEANUP DAY

- Cleanups may only occur during daylight hours and should not be conducted during peak travel times. The recommended time is between 8 a.m. and noon.
- Alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs will not be tolerated during the cleanup effort.
- An adequate supply of drinking water should be made available for all participants.
- Know the route from the litter removal site to the nearest emergency center or hospital. This is important in case you cannot contact 911 for help.
- Participants should face oncoming traffic while working to detect careless drivers. If a participant sees a driver that is driving carelessly, he or she should direct everyone off the street.
- Avoid any areas where construction is occurring. If there are construction barricades or structures in the street, do not enter those areas until those items are removed and construction is complete.
- Be alert for snakes, rodents, and other wild animals.
- Provide adult supervision for youth groups or young participants. Children under 12 should not be allowed at the cleanup site, despite how mature they may seem. Teenagers must have adult supervision.
- Avoid contact with hazardous substances. If a participant encounters unidentifiable buckets, bottles, barrels, boxes, jugs, etc., do not pick them up. Instead, participants should contact the 24-hour Call Center at (954) 828-8000 or through the [LauderServ app](#).
- Report any weapons found to the Fort Lauderdale Police Department at (954) 764-4357. Remember do not touch any weapons found.
- Do not remove litter on bridges or overpasses. Participants should avoid these high traffic areas.
- Do not remove litter from a median, which is a paved or landscaped area between opposing lanes of traffic. Cleanup areas start at the edge of the street and extend no more than 10 feet toward the property line.
- Do not enter the roadway or shoulder of the street to remove litter. If there is litter in the middle of the street, do not pick it up. Inform Neighbor Support the next business day; however, if the item poses a danger to traffic, please contact Fort Lauderdale Police Department at (954) 764-4357 to report it.



## SOCIAL MEDIA

- The City of Fort Lauderdale encourages you to use social media to celebrate your participation in the Adopt-A-Street Program. The City wants to recognize and celebrate your accomplishments too! Make sure to follow the City on [social media](#) and tag us in your posts using #AdoptAStreetFTL. You can also email potential content and pictures to [adoptastreet@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:adoptastreet@fortlauderdale.gov).

