

Adopt-A-Median

Program Description



Thank you for your interest in the City of Minneapolis' Adopt-A-Median Program, offered through the Solid Waste & Recycling Division of Public Works. This Program was introduced in the spring of 2017. **The Program includes street medians, traffic circles, diverters and some other public green spaces within the City right-of-way (but not boulevards.)**

The Adopt-A-Median Program is offered to all organized neighborhood organizations, block clubs, individuals, and organizations interested in installing and maintaining plantings, and providing general cleaning and litter control to enhance the appearance and aesthetics of these areas. To participate in this program, you agree to:

- Adopt the entire median or other area, and agree to maintain it during all seasons.
- Provide a plan to Public Works that describes what will be placed in the area, including plantings, mulch, groundcover, or landscaping materials. Public Works reserves the right to approve or deny anything that might interfere with the safe passage of traffic, including line-of-sight or other obstructions.
- Furnish and install, at your own cost, any plantings and other materials, and provide for ongoing maintenance in a reasonable and attractive manner. The Adopter is advised that the City uses sodium chloride for winter ice control. Public Works reserves the right to require removal of unkempt or abandoned areas.
- Clean the area at least four times per year, including litter cleanup, and provide for timely removal of dead plants and weeds. Adopter is responsible for disposal of all waste vegetation, materials and litter.
- Adopter is responsible to provide water for irrigation. Hoses for watering are not allowed to cross any part of the street.
- Adopter must agree to all terms and conditions, safety guidelines and Waivers as described in pages 3 and 4 of this Application.

The adopter agrees to hold the City of Minneapolis, Department of Public Works free and harmless of any liability relating to this Program. The adopter assumes all responsibility for all volunteers as well.

Adopt-A-Median Application Form



To participate in this program, complete this application and send it to:

Minneapolis Solid Waste & Recycling Division
Clean City
309 2nd Avenue South, Room 210
Minneapolis, MN 55401-2281

Fax: 612-673-2250

Group/Organization Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

City median(s) or other area(s) you wish to adopt:

Description _____

If located at street intersection(s): At _____ and _____
Street Name 1 Street Name 2

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Street Name 1 Street Name 2

By signing this application, the above named organization/contact agrees to hold the City of Minneapolis, Department of Public Works free and harmless of any liability. The adopter assumes responsibility for all volunteers during any work.

Printed Name of Authorized Applicant Title if Applicable

Signature of Authorized Applicant Date

The Clean City Coordinator will confirm your adoption if approved. You may contact the Clean City Coordinator at 673-2789 with questions.

Office Use Only:			
Date Received:	Date Confirmed:	Block:	District:

Program Terms and Conditions, Safety Guidelines

The Applicant agrees to the following Terms and Conditions:

- The Applicant understands and agrees that the City will maintain ultimate control of the right of way. The City may remove the plantings and/or landscaping features at any time, for any reason, at the City's sole discretion.
- Applicant must adhere to all state and local laws and regulations.
- Applicant cannot place any immovable structures or obstructions in the right-of-way without having such structures or obstructions approved by the City as part of the required, submitted plan. Some features may also require an encroachment permit.
- All projects and installations shall conform to the City Of Minneapolis Pollinator Friendly Resolution, and Applicants shall adopt pollinator-friendly practices at these sites. The use of commercial herbicides and pesticides that are harmful to bees shall be avoided. The use of any chemical herbicides or pesticides shall be limited to protect environmental water quality.
- Some locations of medians will require that the Applicant should coordinate with the proper city department to help ensure safe traffic conditions when work is happening. Those areas will be identified in the Program approval. Costs for any required traffic control, or traffic control devices shall be the responsibility of the Applicant.
- This Program does not apply to boulevards (areas between the curb and sidewalks.) The planting of boulevard areas shall comply with Minneapolis City Ordinance 427.10.
- The Applicant acknowledges the City has made no representations or warranties regarding the condition of the right of way or its suitability for the uses permitted by this Agreement.
- Applicant and all of Applicant's volunteers and invitees who will work in the right of way must complete and submit the attached Waiver Agreement prior to performing any activities related to the program.,
- Applicant agrees to indemnify, release, and hold the City of Minneapolis and its officers, employees, and agents harmless from claims made by itself and/or third parties for damages sustained or costs incurred arising out of Applicant's participation in the Adopt-A-Median program. The terms of this Agreement are not to be construed as, nor operate as a waiver of the City's statutory or common law immunities or limitations on liability.

The Applicant agrees to the following Safety Guidelines:

The safety of Program participants and volunteers is of primary concern to the City. All volunteers who participate in Adopt-A-Median activities must review these guidelines prior to Program service. Adherence to these safety guidelines is of utmost importance and failure to abide by these safety precautions could result in the cancellation of the Agreement.

- Complete volunteer tasks only during daylight hours and in appropriate weather for the task.
- Dress in protective clothing including work gloves, sturdy shoes, long-sleeved shirts and pants to prevent injury from sharp objects, thorns, sunburn and poison ivy.
- Avoid over-exertion. Take breaks and drink plenty of water on warm days.
- As work will be conducted in close proximity to moving traffic, be particularly aware of your surroundings to ensure your safety and the safety of others.
- Do not wear headsets, or engage in conduct which would distract you or divert your attention from your work and/or impair your ability to perceive dangerous situations.
- Exercise caution when collecting litter. Do not crush collected items and beware that broken or jagged objects that could cause injury. Do not try to pick up heavy, large or hazardous materials. Notify Public Works via 311 for pick-up of these materials.

Waiver of Liability, Release and Assumption of Risk

I agree to abide by all the rules and regulations pertaining to my volunteer activity as may be designated by the Minneapolis Department of Public Works, its agents or employees. In consideration for being allowed to participate in Minneapolis Department of Public Works Adopt-Median activities, I agree and bind my executors, administrators and assigns to forever release, and discharge, the Minneapolis Department of Public Works from all claims or courses of action which may hereafter exist by reason of any loss, damage to property and/or personal injury and/or death which may be caused and/or sustained by the undersigned while participating in the Adopt-A-Median program..

I expressly accept and assume all of the risks inherent in this activity, including those that might have been caused by the negligence or omission of the City of Minneapolis. My participation in this activity is purely voluntary and I elect to participate despite any risks that may exist. In addition, if at any I time believe the activity conditions or right of way are unsafe, or that I am unable to participate due to these conditions, then I will immediate discontinue participation.

I acknowledge that there is no medical reason why I cannot or should not participate in this volunteer activity. I have read this Release and Waiver of Liability and Assumption of Risk Agreement, fully understand its terms, and have signed it freely and voluntarily and intend my signature to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent permitted by law.

Authorized Applicant or Volunteer Printed Name: _____

Authorized Applicant or Volunteer Signature: _____

Date: _____

Return additional Waiver Agreements to:

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