



Adopt-A-Greenway Program Safety

Checklist

These are the general safety rules for all groups collecting trash for the Adopt-A-Greenway Program. Please review with your volunteer group at the beginning of each new year.

- Wear shoes that cover the entire foot. Sandals are not appropriate footwear.
- If participants of the group are children under 16 years of age, group needs to assure proper supervision with one adult for every six (6) children.
- Wear long pants to avoid poison ivy.
- Wear work gloves or disposable gloves. Use caution when handling potentially sharp objects. FWT will provide gloves at the beginning of each year.
- Stay at least 5 feet from the riverbank and/or road.
- Children 6 years old or younger should stay on the path.
- Groups should bring a cooler with water, and participants should be encouraged to drink plenty of water.
- Do not work during the hottest part of the day.
- Do not attempt to pick up or touch dead or injured animals.
- Work in pairs. Parents should keep their children near them.
- Optional items you may want to bring include sunglasses, sunscreen lotion and insect repellent.
- Glass, aluminum, and metal trash could be separated for recycling, but recycling must be managed by participating group. Please contact the Allen County Department of Environmental Management (260-449-7878 or acwastewatcher.org) for guidance.
- Every group should have a first aid kit with them.
- Please do NOT pick up any medical waste, medications, or otherwise questionable items. When in doubt, contact trails staff with specific location and item details (260-969-0079). Weapons or drug-related items should be reported directly to the Fort Wayne Police Desk Sergeant at 260-427-1222.