



City of Vineland Clean Communities



“Adopt-A-Neighborhood & Adopt-A-Block” ... programs were formed because of numerous requests by the residents of the City of Vineland to adopt their own block or neighborhoods.

It’s an excellent opportunity to beautify your neighborhood and make a commitment to help keep your community clean at the same time! Working together as a *Team* is also a good way to get to know your neighbors better. As you work to keep your neighborhood clean and beautiful you will be proud watching your hard work help you achieve this common goal.

Adopt-A-Neighborhood & Adopt-A-Block programs focus on litter found in your immediate neighborhood, entrance to the development, on its streets, sidewalks and front yards. These areas will be very easy to maintain by forming “litter patrols”. A “litter patrol” is a group of neighbors or business owners downtown who keep their eyes open for litter in and around the neighborhood so they can schedule a clean up for the group. It’s a great opportunity to involve children so that they learn by your example, at an early age, to have respect for their environment and community. In this way, they will become *part of the solution to the problem* as they grow into responsible adults.

The most common category of litter found in neighborhoods, blocks and on the city’s sidewalks, is paper, including fast food containers and newspaper, followed by cans and bottles. Most of this is caused by wind blowing the trash into the area from more traveled high traffic areas.

Just like our other programs certain criteria should be followed to participate.

Here's how it works

A Group, family, or even a single individual may “adopt” a Neighborhood or a Block. A neighborhood can be your street and its surrounding streets or can take in a whole neighborhood, such as, the Brookfield area, Willow Springs, Aspen Green (Condo Assoc.), a Mobile Home park, or even an apartment complex.

If you're adopting a block it is usually downtown from Main & Landis to Delsea and Landis and the surrounding side streets from Park to Chestnut Avenues.

The Group/applicant agrees to:

- 1) a minimum of four (4) cleanups a year. However, ideally, a neighborhood should be cleaned on an “as need” basis according to traffic in the area, etc.
- 2) designate a leader/Captain. The leader will be responsible for the “litter patrol”. When anyone in the “litter patrol” notices litter or sees the need for a cleanup, it should be reported to the Designated Leader/Captain, and a cleanup should be scheduled. The Leader/Captain should also ensure that safety is a priority by adhering to all safety requirements.
- 3) to separate recyclables whenever possible when picking up litter.
- 4) fill out a Clean-up Activity Report and return it to this office after each clean up within one week of the litter cleanup. These reports are pre-printed forms furnished by the City of Vineland Clean Communities Program.

Beautification/Landscaping

In addition to picking up litter, a group may choose to work on landscaping and beautification of an area, i.e., planting flowers or maintaining existing plants, especially at entrances to neighborhoods, condos, mobile home parks or apartment complexes.

The City of Vineland Clean Communities will erect a sign identifying the program and the participating group, family or individual. In addition, public awareness will be promoted through the media and other communication devices, as well as, through recognition at our Annual Awards Ceremony.

Safety Requirements

Participants in the Adopt-A-Neighborhood or Block Programs should comply with the following safety requirements.

This list is provided for the guidance of participants and is not all-inclusive:

- The group should attend a safety talk or watch a Clean Communities Video before your first scheduled cleanup.
- Appropriate and adequate adult supervision **MUST** be provided when youth groups are involved in litter pickups; that is not less than one adult per eight participants below the age of 18 years old.
- It is recommended that long sleeves, long pants and sturdy shoes be worn. Gloves are provided to all volunteers and should be worn at all times.
- Before you start your cleanup display the “Litter Crew Ahead” safety sign on the designated signpost or in a location that is visible to oncoming traffic.
- Always use appropriate safety equipment
- Avoid exertion and heat problems by drinking water and taking breaks.
- Be careful to avoid contact with poison plants, bees, wasps and hornets. Pay attention to the handling of broken glass. Watch your step to avoid stepping or kneeling on broken glass.
- Avoid hazardous materials such as car batteries, hypodermic needles, or any unidentified questionable items or animal carcasses.
- Always use caution while cleaning near the curb-line.
- **NO** game playing near or in the roadway during neighborhood clean ups
- Be aware of visibility problems.
- Be prepared for any unexpected behavior of motorists.
- Walk with on-coming traffic, never crossing to work on the other side. Work to the end of the street and place your “litter Patrol Ahead” sign on your post and proceed down the other side.
- Your groups should make arrangements to have a First Aid kit on hand the day of the cleanup

PLEASE NOTE: If your group needs assistance in complying with any of the above safety requirements, please call our office at 794-4089

Clean Communities Program

Group Release

The APPLICANT/GROUP understands that participation in the *Adopt-A-Neighborhood and Adopt-a-Block Programs* involves standing and walking on sidewalks and streets as the group is picking up litter and planting flowers or performing other acts of beautification during the monitored clean-ups.

The APPLICANT/GROUP assumes all responsibilities involved with participation in the program and hereby for the Applicant/Group, their heirs, executors and administrators waive and release the State of New Jersey, and the City of Vineland, their elected officials, agents and employees from all claims, liability, risk of loss and damages of any kind including wrongful death associated with or arising out of their/our participation in these programs.

The APPLICANT/GROUP certifies that they have reviewed and understand the Adopt-a-Neighborhood or Adopt-a-Block Program safety materials prior to participation in the Program and have given a copy of it to each adult participant and, by signing this Agreement, certifies that it meets all such criteria.

IF any participants are children that are minors under the age of 18 years old they must be accompanied by a parent/legal guardian or other responsible adult.

***PLEASE NOTE:* A permission slip must be attached for that child if the adult is not the parent/legal guardian. A copy of the group release is to be provided to each participant/parent.**

Group Name: _____

Signature of Group Leader authorized to sign: _____

Print Names & Addresses of Participants below:



City of Vineland
 Clean Communities
ADOPT-A-SPOT PROGRAMS

P.O. Box 1508 • 640 E. Wood Street • Vineland, NJ 08362-1508
 Phone: (856) 794-4089



Adopt a Spot Program Application

Group/Applicant's Name: _____

Contact Person for group/applicant: _____

Group/Applicant's Mailing Address: _____

Email address: _____

Phone Number (day) _____ **(evening)** _____

Spot/Park Adopted: _____

Participants: _____

(Use 2nd sheet for additional names)

Group Name or Wording on Sign: _____

 (Please use EXACT wording you want to appear on the sign)

Application Date: _____

Return To: City of Vineland
1086 E. Walnut Road
Vineland, NJ 08360
Fax: 856-794-1898
www.vinelandcity.org/recycle.html