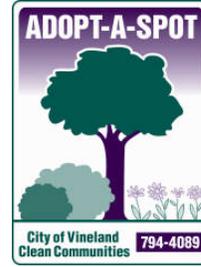


## City of Vineland Clean Communities Programs



Adopting a Park or Spot is an excellent opportunity to beautify the recreational facilities and other public areas in your city and neighborhood that we all use everyday! By making this commitment to help keep it clean and working together as a *Team ... you will become a part of the solution!*

As you work to keep your park or Spot clean and beautiful you will be proud as you see that your hard work has truly “made a visible difference”.

Adopt-A-Park was formed not only to assist our City in keeping our recreational areas litter free but, to let children participate in these clean ups in a safe and enclosed area.

Adopt-a-Spot was added to this because there are areas in our City such as the downtown mini parks, nature preserves, parking lots or other areas that are not recreational facilities but are still used by the general public. It can even encompass an abandoned vacant lot or entrance to a development.

It's a great opportunity to involve children so that they learn by your example. By starting at an early age you will instill in them respect for their environment and community, as well as, show them how to become *part of the solution to the problem.* This is a great gift that will assist them as they grow into responsible adults.

The most common category of litter found in these areas is paper, including fast food containers and cans and bottles. Most of this is caused by wind blowing the trash into the area from more traveled high traffic areas. Unfortunately some is left behind by individuals using the park facilities.

*Make A Visible Difference . . . Adopt-A-Park Today!*



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# Adopt-A-Park & Spot Programs

## Policy & Agreement

### How Does It work?

Groups may adopt a City Park or a section of a City Spot such as a Mini Park or other specific area in the City after signing an agreement with the City of Vineland Clean Communities Program (CVCCP).

The agreement states that:

- the group must do a clean up at least four times a year
- the group must designate a leader who ensures that safety is a priority, e.g. that everyone follows safety guidelines of the program (see attached guidelines).
- the group must keep all recyclable items collected, such as bottles & cans separate from the trash
- the group must hand in a ***Clean-up Activity Report*** for each clean up and return it to this office within 1-2 days of the cleanup. These reports are pre-printed forms furnished by the City of Vineland Clean Communities Program and also available on our website at: [www.vinelandcity.org/recycle.html](http://www.vinelandcity.org/recycle.html)

### Beautification/Landscaping

In addition to picking up litter, a group may choose to work on landscaping and beautification of an area in the Park, Spot, Parking lot or other area they have adopted. They can do this by planting flowers or maintaining existing plants, especially at entrances to parks or near the picnic and playground areas. They may for example, clean-up litter and/or plant and maintain wild-flower or ornamental beds.

CVCCP will erect a sign on this section that identifies the program and the organization. In addition, The CVCCP will promote public awareness through the media and other communication devices.

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## Safety Requirements – Adopt A Park/Spot

Participants in the Adopt-a-Park or Adopt-a-Spot Programs should comply with the following safety requirements. This list is provided for the guidance of participants and is not all-inclusive:

- Group must attend a safety talk before your first scheduled cleanup (optional)
- 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 if you are working near a roadway 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. While working on the entrances or roadways in the parks place your “Litter Patrol Ahead” sign on a post or railing in the park area 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-Park Program* and *Adopt-a-Spot Program* 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-Park or Adopt-a-Spot 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:**

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