

Adopt-A-Spot Safety Handout – 10.16.19 Update

Responsibilities

- The group is responsible for picking up trash and litter only – not yard waste or hazardous waste.
- Crew members should have a sense of safety for the public and their crew, must be at least 11 years old, and be willing to use common sense.
- Have a safety discussion before each clean up event.
- Only work during daylight hours.
- Wear appropriate clothing to clean-up events.
- Avoid prolonged exposure to the sun.

Protection

- Crew members must wear a high-visibility vest.
- Do not work in inclement weather.
- Avoid overexertion.
- Drink plenty of water.
- Face on-coming traffic while you work.
- Be prepared to move out of the way of vehicles in an emergency.

Cautions

- Do not try to remove known or suspected toxic/hazardous substances or dead animals. Notify the Police or Fire Department of the locations of such items immediately.
 - Non-emergency line – 913-596-3000
- Be alert for places where snakes may be located such as around logs, rocky areas, and in tall grass. Avoid these areas. Be equally alert for stinging insects.
- Avoid contact with poison ivy.
- Do not attempt to pick up litter on bridges, underpasses, or overpasses.
- Stay clear of any maintenance or construction activities.
- Do not enter the roadway or its shoulder areas, paved or unpaved, to pick up trash.
- Do not attempt to compact or squeeze trash sacks to gain more room for trash.
- Do not pick up discarded syringes or hypodermic needles. Call the non-emergency line instead - 913-596-3000
- Watch your footing.
- Stay off riprap (rocky slopes near water) and steep slopes.

Clothing

- Wear light colored clothing and a safety vest at all times when working in the right-of-way.
- Wear heavy gloves.
- Wear substantial leather shoes or boots with ankle support.
- Wear a hat and long sleeves to avoid sunburn and/or poison ivy.

Emergencies

- Every crew should possess an adequate first aid kit.
- Have a cell phone for reporting any emergency or threats.

Helpful Phone Numbers

- Non-Emergency Line (available 24/7 throughout Wyandotte County) - 913-596-3000
- KCK Parks and Recreation (only available during work hours) – 913-573-8327
- Animal Services/Control (only available during work hours)
 - KCK – 913-321-1445
 - Edwardsville – 913-441-6983
 - Bonner Springs – 913-422-7800
- 311 to report issues/concerns
 - Phone (only available during work hours) – 913-573-5311
 - Available any time - <https://mywyco.wycokck.org/> or download the “myWyco” mobile app from any app store

Poison Ivy:

