

ALBERTA INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORTATION HIGHWAY CLEANUP PROGRAMS

OVERVIEW

Two separate programs are available through Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation for litter pickup along Alberta highway right-of-ways. The two programs are named as follows:

- Annual Highway Cleanup Program
- Caring for Alberta's Highways (Adopt-a-Highway) Program.

Participants must be at least 9 years of age. Suggested supervision is 1 adult for every 2 children under the age of 14. Participants 14-18 years of age require less supervision (5 per adult supervisor).

For the safety of all participants, the medians on divided highways are not to be cleaned. Only the outer ditches shall be cleaned on divided highways. Participants are required to take safety training.

Filled garbage bags are placed along the outer edge of the highway shoulders and will be disposed of by the Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation maintenance contractor.

Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation will supply all necessary materials including safety manuals, safety vests and garbage bags.

ANNUAL HIGHWAY CLEANUP PROGRAM

The annual highway cleanup program is set-up as a fundraiser event. Although the program was originally established for associations such as the 4H and Scouts, all groups and clubs are now encouraged to participate.

The highway cleanup program is held annually on the first or second Saturday in May, as weather permits. Clubs may request certain sections of Highways, but award will depend on availability (first come first serve basis). The amount of kilometres awarded will depend on the number of participants. Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation recommends one kilometre for every two participants. For example if an organization has 20 participants then the maximum number of kilometres awarded will be approximately 10. Payment will be made on a per km basis at the rates shown below.

- "A" Rate (Urban Rate) - \$52.00/km of highway right-of-way cleaned on both sides. This rate shall apply to all roadways within 16 kms of an urban center that has a population of over 5,000.
- "B" Rate (Special Area Rate) - \$52.00/km of highway right-of-way cleaned on both sides. The department shall identify all Special Area roadways prior to cleanup registration day. The Minister's representative, may, at their discretion, deem a roadway to be a special area roadway due to an unusually high concentration of garbage.
- "C" Rate (Rural Rate) - \$28.00/km of highway right-of-way cleaned on both sides, on all other roadways.

CARING FOR ALBERTA'S HIGHWAYS (ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY) PROGRAM

The Caring for Alberta Highways (Adopt-a-Highway) program allows a group, company or individual to adopt a 3 to 5 kilometre section of highway by agreeing to pick up the litter a minimum of once per year. Participants provide the service on a voluntary basis (no payments will be made by Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation). The adoption agreement will be for a minimum of 3 years with a renewal option.

Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation will provide and install "Caring for Alberta's Highways" identification signs adjacent to the highway section adopted. These signs will include a tab showing the group, company or individual's name.

Any group, company or individual is eligible to adopt a section of highway. However, Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation recommends that pick up efforts be undertaken by a group of at least 3 people per kilometre adopted.

HOW TO JOIN

Your participation in the Annual Highway Cleanup Program or Caring for Alberta's Highways (Adopt-a-Highway) Program is welcome and further information can be obtained by contacting Sharla Griffiths at (780) 415-1057 (if you are calling from outside the Edmonton area you can call toll free 310-0000), or email: sharla.griffiths@gov.ab.ca.

