

## Bend Beautification Program Safety Rules

Volunteers participating in the Bend Beautification Program are required to follow these safety rules. While this list is comprehensive, it does not cover all scenarios and is not a substitute for common sense. Safety must always be the top priority during all projects.

### General Safety

- **Visibility:** Always wear the high-visibility safety vest provided by the Department.
- **Alertness:** Be prepared for unexpected motorist behavior. Assume drivers may not see you.

### Roadside Cleaning

- **Traffic Safety:** Clean only one side of the road at a time, facing oncoming traffic. Place "Volunteer Crew Ahead" signs at both ends of the section being cleaned.
- **Movement:** Do not climb on guardrails, drainage pipes, or concrete barriers. Walk, do not run, during cleanup activities.

### Substance and Equipment Use

- **Audio Distractions:** Avoid wearing headphones.
- **Alcohol and Medications:** Do not consume alcohol before or during cleanup activities. Be cautious with medication that could impair your physical or cognitive abilities.
- **Handling Hazardous Materials:** Do not touch hazardous items like chemicals, needles, or dead animals. Use provided orange flags to mark these items and inform the Department immediately.
- **Tool Usage:** Use all hand tools and motorized equipment (e.g., weed whackers) cautiously, wearing safety goggles and gloves, and only if trained.

### Health and Emergency Procedures

- **First Aid:** Carry a first aid kit. Know the location of the nearest emergency facility.
- **Allergies and Conditions:** Inform the Volunteer Group Leader about any allergies or physical conditions before participating.
- **Hydration and Rest:** Prevent overexertion and heat-related issues by drinking water regularly and taking breaks.



## Cleanup Logistics

- Apparel: Wear long sleeves, pants, thick-soled shoes or boots, and gloves.
- Timing: Conduct cleanup only during daylight and good weather conditions. Avoid holidays and peak traffic hours.
- Location Safety: Stay clear of construction zones and private property. Do not engage in horseplay or actions that could distract drivers.

## Environmental Considerations

- Recycling and Disposal: Responsibly recycle appropriate materials. Do not overfill trash bags; keep them under 20 pounds. Larger items should be marked and placed beside bagged items.
- Wildlife and Plants: Be cautious around poisonous plants and wildlife. Report any encounters with stray or wild animals.

## Incident Reporting

- Accidents: Report all accidents or injuries to the Volunteer Group Leader immediately.

## Transportation and Parking

- Carpooling: Carpool to the site to reduce environmental impact and manage parking space efficiently. Always park vehicles off the roadway.



### **Accommodation Information for People with Disabilities**

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