

Bend Tree Project

SAFETY RULES

Volunteer Safety Guidelines

Volunteers participating in the Bend Tree Project 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

- Always wear a high-visibility safety vest and appropriate personal protective equipment. Closed-toe shoes are required.
- Be prepared for unexpected motorist behavior. Assume drivers may not see you. Stay aware of surroundings, including pedestrians, vehicles, and wildlife.
- Use caution when working near roads, trails, or active public areas.

Fieldwork Procedures

- Work in pairs or groups when possible.
- Stay on designated paths unless inventory requires closer inspection.
- Avoid climbing trees or structures unless certified and authorized.

Safe Use of Tools and Materials

- Avoid using headphones or anything that limits awareness of surroundings during fieldwork.
- Do not consume alcohol before or during cleanup activities. Be cautious with medication that could impair your physical or cognitive abilities.
- Do not touch hazardous items like chemicals, needles, or dead animals. Use provided orange flags to mark these items and inform the Department immediately.
- 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

- Carry a first aid kit. Know the location of the nearest emergency facility.
- Inform the Project Lead about any allergies or physical conditions before participating.
- Prevent overexertion and heat-related issues by drinking water regularly and taking breaks.



Cleanup Logistics

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

Environmental Considerations

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

Incident Reporting

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

Transportation and Parking

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



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