

What Is Adopt-A-Spot Program

The Adopt-A-Spot Program is a wonderful way to show PRIDE in your community and a great service project sponsored by Keep Jefferson/Belmont Counties Beautiful.

The program offers 4-H, Girl/Boy Scouts groups, organizations, individual, families, communities, and businesses the opportunity to commit to keeping a clean Jefferson & Belmont Counties by adopting a roadway, street, park, neighborhood, or any public area that has a problem with litter.

The Adopt-A-Spot Program is all about having PRIDE in Jefferson & Belmont County. Volunteer interests and goals can make a difference in their community by cleaning up and/or beautifying.

Litter Study

- Nearly fifty billion pieces of litter along U.S. roadways and waterways.
- Slightly more litter along waterways (25.9B) than roadways (23.7B)
- 152 items for each U.S. resident.
- More than 2,000 pieces of litter per mile (both roadway and waterway)
- Ninety percent of people surveyed believe litter is a problem in their state.



Who litters the most?

- Along roadways, motorists (52%) and pedestrians (23%) are the biggest contributors to litter.
- Research also shows that individuals under thirty are more likely to litter than those who are older. In fact, age, and not gender, is a significant predictor of littering behavior.

How much litter is thrown on the ground in a day?

- The U.S. produces 268 million tons of waste — 140 million going into landfills — each year, with the average American tossing 4.5 pounds of trash per day.

What is the fine for littering in Ohio?

- \$500 fine

- Littering is a misdemeanor in Ohio, and it can be punished with up to a \$500 fine and 60 days in jail.
- Motorists can be charged or ticketed for litter released by any occupant of their vehicle.

How much litter is in Ohio?

- 400,000 bags
- (ODOT) collects 400,000 bags of trash from interstates and roadways.

Benefits of Adopting-A-Spot

- Providing a way for groups to contribute to their own neighborhood/community.
- Volunteers are the “P” in PRIDE by cleaning up an area and/or planting flowers.
- Areas that are kept clean are less likely to have people littering.
- Educate motorists about litter prevention.
- Making Jefferson & Belmont County more attractive to tourists, industry, and businesses.

- Volunteers receive a certificate of participation for each volunteer when a list of names is turned into the JB Green Team office after the cleanup.

Registration

Contact Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: Ohio Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Cell: _____

E-mail: _____

Cleanup Location: _____

I [We] hereby agree to maintain this Adopt-A-Roadway for one [1] year with two [2] cleanups per year from:

Date

Date

Signature: _____

Mail to: JB Green Team

Jefferson County
228 Technology Way
Steubenville, OH 43952

Belmont County
67895 Pickering Rd.
St. Clairsville, OH 43950



REDUCE:

Make less trash.

Do not buy over packaged items.

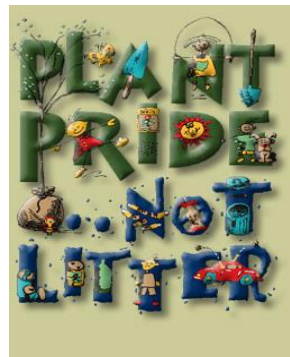
Buy items in bulk.

REUSE:

Reuse small plastic bags, glass jars, or plastic containers for leftovers, and paper bags for trash.

RECYCLE:

Newspapers, Glass, bi-metal, plastic and aluminum.



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