



CITY OF BEND

Bend Beautification Program Safety Rules

Volunteers in the City of Bend Beautification Program must comply with the following Bend Beautification Program Safety Rules. The following list is not all inclusive and is not a substitute for common sense; volunteer group leaders and volunteers agree to make safety the first priority during Bend Beautification Program projects. ***If you have any questions, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator or the Department.***

Wear the safety vest provided at all times.

Be prepared for any unexpected behavior of motorists. Never assume a driver sees you.

Clean only one side of the road at a time and walk facing on-coming traffic. Place the "Volunteer Crew Ahead" warning sign facing traffic at the start of the section of roadway being cleaned.

Do not stand or jump on guardrails, drainage pipes, or concrete walls.

Never enter the roadway to pick up trash.

Do not wear headphones.

Do not drink alcohol prior to or while participating in clean-up events. Be in good physical condition and in no way impaired (be mindful of using over the counter and prescription medications while participating).

Do not handle hazardous materials such as car batteries, petroleum products and chemical spills, heavy or unwieldy objects, dead animals, broken glass, needles and drug paraphernalia, or any unidentified questionable items. Participants should mark the materials or substances by setting an orange flag markers on wire pole (provided) near the item. Such items should be reported to the Department as soon as possible and note the item and approximate location on the Completion Form.

Know emergency procedures such as the location of the nearest emergency facility and how to quickly summon the police or an ambulance.

Be supplied with a first aid kit provided by the Department.

Notify Volunteer Group Leader of all known allergies and any physical infirmities prior to participation.

Avoid overexertion and heat related problems by drinking water and taking breaks.

Carpool to the litter pickup site and pull vehicles as far off the side of the road as possible. Vehicles should never be parked on the traveled portion of the roadway.

Wear long sleeves, long pants, thick-soled shoes or boots, and gloves.

Perform cleanup activities only during daylight hours and when weather is conducive to good visibility.

Activities shall not take place during a legal holiday, the day before a legal holiday or on holiday weekends.

Avoid peak traffic hours and inclement weather conditions.

Stay clear of all construction areas and private property.

Avoid all horseplay or demonstrations of any nature. Do not distract drivers.

Recycling is an accepted and encouraged activity. Volunteer groups are responsible for taking recyclable materials to transfer stations. Any valuables which may be found should be turned in to the Bend Police Department.

Please do not over fill bags (provided) and filled bags should weigh no more than 15-20 pounds. Large or heavy items should be marked with tape (provided) and placed alongside bagged items.

Safety goggles should be worn at all time if operating motorized equipment (weed whackers).

All hand tools and equipment shall be used with caution and only by volunteers with previous training/experience and according to manufacturers' recommendations.

Be careful of contact with poisonous plants, stinging insects, or stray/wild animals.

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