

Tinicum Township Public Works Department

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Adopt a Township Road Campaign

Thank you for your interest in Tinicum's Adopt-a-Road program. The program aims to improve the quality of the environment and the scenic aspects of Tinicum's roads by removing litter and debris.

This campaign corresponds with our "Keep Tinicum Beautiful" program that also runs all year. PennDot has had an "Adopt-a-Road" program in place for the past ten years. If you live on or wish to remove litter from a PennDot maintained road, you may call them at 215-345-6060 to request additional information.

Please find below, the answers to some frequently asked questions.



How do I adopt a road?

If your family, business, friends or neighbors want to adopt a road, you must:

1. Choose a team leader.
2. Choose a road (1 mile minimum or the entire length of the road) that you/your group is interested in keeping clean.
3. Fill out the agreement and recognition sign forms and submit them to the township.



What are the agreement and sign recognition forms?

1. The agreement form provides us with team leader contact information, team members and the road name. It also protects Tinicum Township from liability.
2. The sign recognition form provides us with the information we need to thank you by identifying your service. Signs will be mounted below the "Adopt-a-Township-Road" sign on each end of the section of the road that you are maintaining.



What will the township provide?

1. A copy of the safety rules.
2. Safety vests for you and your team.
3. Kitchen-type garbage bags if needed.
4. If you cannot put the trash bags out with your regular trash, the Public Works department will pick them up during working after your notification.

Adopt-a-Township Road Volunteer Safety Guidelines

Safety is your # 1 priority

- Safety is the number one priority during clean-up. The following guidelines should be reviewed before each clean-up day. We do not want anyone injured and participants should be aware of the dangers associated with working along a road.
- Contact the Police Department 24 hours in advance at 610-294-9158. *If an Officer is available* while you are picking up litter, he or she may be able to make an extra patrol on your road, which may help with traffic.
- Schedule clean-up days during periods of good visibility and daylight hours. Roadside clean up shall stop in the event of rain, snow, fog etc., and will not be scheduled during holidays.



Volunteers do...

- wear safety vests and work gloves.
- are in good physical condition.
- have water to drink while working.
- work only one side of the road at a time.
- always work facing oncoming traffic.
- pick up all litter, plastics, bottles, cans, glass etc. and bag them, sorting if possible for recycling.
- are on the alert for traffic, ditches, holes, steep slopes.
- identify plants such as poison ivy or other noxious weeds that may harm you.
- notify their team leader about specific health concerns, such as allergic reactions to plants or insect bites.



Volunteers do not...

- pick up unknown containers, hazardous materials or animal bodies. (Please contact proper agencies for these.)
- wear any type of headset that impairs hearing.
- horse around or distract drivers while along the road.
- use or possess alcohol or drugs.



Protect yourself...

- give the team leader an emergency contact.
- wear proper clothing (long pants and a long-sleeved shirt).
- wear boots or hard-soled shoes.
- be alert for snakes, stinging insects, and noxious weeds.



Team Leaders must...

- know where members of their team are working.
- review all guidelines, the location of drinking water and First Aid Kit with their team members.
- check project site prior to scheduling the clean-up and:
 - contact the Police (610-294-9158) with the date and time of the clean-up.
 - contact the Public Works Dept. (610-294-9153) with the date and time of the clean-up.
- have a cell phone or be able to use a team members phone in case of an emergency.

APPLICATION FOR ADOPT -A-TOWNSHIP ROAD

Please print or type.

Date of application: _____

Road name or section (1 mile minimum, please) of road to be cleaned: _____

Team leader's name: _____ phone number: _____

Team leader's mailing address: _____

Team leader's e-mail address: _____

Names of people who will regularly help in cleaning the above road or section:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

I have read and understand the rights, responsibilities and privileges of participation in the Adopt-a-Road Program and I agree that:

I am participating and am under control of our team and not Tincicum Township. I agree to abide by the terms and conditions of the group's guideline agreement with Tincicum Township. I, including anyone authorized to act on my behalf or is part of my clean-up team, will save and hold harmless, protect and defend Tincicum Township, its agents, employees and officials from liability for damages or injury resulting from my participation in the program.

If I do not cleanup the adopted road or section of road for 2 months the Township will take down the recognition signs and I may not reapply for a 1-year period.

signature

date

TINICUM TOWNSHIP ADOPT A ROAD PROGRAM SIGN RECONGNITION FORM

Name of Family/Group to be recognized: (please print on the line below)

