

ST. PETERS **Adopt·A·Stream**





**CITY OF ST. PETERS
ADOPT-A-STREAM PROGRAM**

- Established to help maintain the appearance of the City
- Preserve and improve water quality in City streams
- Resident or non-resident individuals, groups, businesses and civic groups can participate. St. Peters residents, businesses and civic groups will have preference over non-resident individuals, businesses and civic groups.
- Easy to do as individuals or groups. Participants can schedule when the pickup will be done.
- Stream to be picked up at least 2 times per year.
- Trash bags, safety vests, first aid kit, gloves, and other miscellaneous supplies will be provided.
- Segments assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- A great way to help out the community.
- Stream adoption can be expanded from litter pickup to honeysuckle eradication and water quality monitoring
- Participants can be enrolled in the Missouri Steam Team Program for additional training.

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1. Eligible adopters include civic and non-profit organizations, commercial and private enterprises and individuals. This program is not intended as a means of providing a public forum for the participants to use in promoting name recognition or political causes. The City reserves the right to limit the number of adoptions for a single group.
2. If application is approved, the representative shall execute a written agreement with the City. The Adopters shall abide by all rules and regulations and all safety requirements of the program.
3. The Adopters agree to collect litter along assigned section at least two times per year or as required by the City.
4. The Adopters agree to restrict program activities to the assigned section of the stream.
5. The group shall provide a minimum of two adult supervisors. All participants must be 8 years of age or older.
6. Adopters will call the City's Volunteer Specialist at 636.279.8207 at least one-week in advance to notify when they will be picking up litter and schedule a time to pick up trash bags, safety vests, and other supplies.
7. Adopters will review and sign safety guidelines before each litter pickup.
8. Safety guidelines and a time sheet will be picked up when trash bags and vests are picked up at City Hall on Mexico Rd. Go to the main lobby and staff will be able to help you. Hours are M-F, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
9. Litter pickup shall be between the hours of one hour after sunrise to one hour before sunset, and not during inclement weather.
10. Adopters are prohibited from possessing, consuming or being under the influence of alcohol or drugs while participating in the program.
11. Litter shall be put in trash bags provided by the City of St. Peters and placed at the designated drop off location.
12. City of St. Peters will promote Adopters through City website, newsletters, and cable channel. No other information such as addresses, phone numbers, quotes, etc. will be allowed.
13. Adopters will allow the City to use their name, photos, etc. in any information released about the program.
14. All safety forms are to be turned in along with Adopter's time sheet when safety vests and unused City supplies are returned to the Volunteer Specialist within one week following the pickup,

**SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR
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1. Stop work in inclement weather.
2. Avoid overexertion.
3. Wear weather appropriate clothing, safety vest and gloves.
4. Wearing of leather shoes or boots and gloves are recommended. No flip-flops or open-toe sandals.
5. Wear proper clothing according to weather conditions. Wear safety vests and gloves provided by Volunteer Office.
6. Do not pick up heavy or hazardous substances; notify Volunteer Specialist of location of these items.
7. Stay clear of construction areas.
8. The City recommends that a First Aid Kit be available.
9. The City recommends that transportation be available in the case of an emergency.

Additional Safety Tips for the Streams:

- a. Be Safe.
- b. Use Common Sense.
- c. Respect Nature.
- d. Respect private property.
- e. Wear your gloves at all times.
- f. If it is slippery, watch your footing.
- g. Water may be covered with leaves and may be deeper than it appears.
- h. Water depth may vary greatly over a short length of stream.
- i. If you need assistance, your driver will help out.
- j. In the event of an emergency dial 911.
- k. You will get dirty and/or muddy. It will be slippery along banks. Be careful where you step, what you step on, and what you grab.
- l. Large items do not need to be bagged, e.g., tires, metal scraps.
- m. Only pick up items that you are able to reach and lift safely.
- n. If you find suspicious items, or unsafe items, do not attempt to remove them, let your driver know and we will have the proper personnel go back and retrieve those items.