

ADOPT-A-SPOT PROGRAM GUIDELINES

The Adopt-A-Spot program was created to meet a need of our community. The program allows volunteers to keep a portion of public areas beautified and properly maintained. Volunteers are allowed to adopt a spot that is important to them, their families, and their community. All public spaces are eligible for adoption such as: traffic islands, medians, and town owned lots, streets, and parks.

Applicants should adhere to the following guidelines and Safety rules:

1. A letter of interest and application must be completed, indicating all relevant contact information, group information if you are volunteering as part of a group, program selection and right-of way selection. The selection of a public area should be precise and clearly identifiable. Please include a map depicting the location you have chosen and its boundaries. Submit the letter and map to the Barrington Conservation Commission. Applications are reviewed by the Barrington Conservation Commission for recommendation. Applications are then forwarded to the Barrington Town Council, which has delegated authority to the Barrington Town Manager, for approval.
2. Each volunteer must sign and complete the Release, Waiver, Hold Harmless, and Indemnity form. ONLY volunteers with a completed form on file will be allowed to participate in any activities surrounding your adopted location. All new volunteers must sign and complete the form prior to picking up cleaning supplies.
3. All volunteers under the age of 18 are required to have a parent/guardian complete their Release, Waiver, Hold Harmless, and Indemnity form. Volunteers under the age of 15 must be accompanied by adult supervision.
4. Applicants are required to clean their specified location at least once monthly.
5. Applicants must commit to cleaning their specified location for a minimum of 1 year. At least 3 months prior to the end of your 1 year commitment, a renewal application will be required.
6. Major events surrounding the cleaning of your location which could produce a significant amount of trash and debris should be coordinated with Barrington Department of Public Works for removal.
7. The safety of all applicants/groups/individuals is paramount. All applicants/groups/individuals are expected to follow all safety guidelines and practice safe habits at all times.
8. If you cannot keep your adoption commitment, you are required to inform the Barrington Conservation Commission. Your spot will become eligible for another applicant/group/individual.
9. Adopt-A-Spots are inspected regularly and group leads will be notified of any problems in the adopted area.
10. The town will provide a sign to acknowledge the adopter.

SAFETY GUIDELINES

The following are safety guidelines for the Adopt-A-Spot Program. All groups and individual volunteers are urged to consider them accordingly:

1. Hold safety meetings with group prior to litter pick-up activities.
2. Carpool to litter pick-up area, if possible, to keep vehicles to a minimum.
3. Park vehicles away from roadways.
4. Keep work group to a manageable size relative to the size of the location you have selected.
5. Closely supervise youth. Volunteers age 15 and under should be discouraged from collecting litter in streets.
6. Keep sight of all participants and be aware of your surroundings at all times.
7. Stay clear of construction zones.
8. Do not remove hazardous materials found on the site. Call the Barrington Department of Public Works.
9. Do not work during inclement weather, hours of darkness, or hours of peak traffic.
10. Consider bringing plenty of water when working in hot temperatures and pace yourself.
11. Be aware of possible contact with poisonous plants, stinging insects, snakes and rodents.
12. Consider the possibility of any participant's known allergies prior to litter pickup.
13. Make participants aware that they are working in a potentially dangerous environment and caution them to act accordingly.
14. Use gloves and protective clothing and urge all participants to do so.
15. Never place your back towards traffic, always face traffic.
16. Safety cones may be required at certain adopted locations.
17. Consider bringing a First Aid Kit to the adopted location.