



Solebury
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Adopt-A-Township-Road (AATR) Program

Safety Orientation for Participants

Upon the completion of registration and Township approval, the participating group will schedule a date and time with the Program Administrator (Township staff member) to attend a safety orientation prior to picking up materials/equipment for the clean-up event. The safety orientation will be held over Zoom. All members who plan to participate in a clean-up event must complete this orientation.

The safety orientation is informed by the [PennDOT Roadside Beautification Program](#). Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss details with the Program Administrator and the Director of Public Works at the end of the session.

Solebury Township will provide the following safety items, which are to be returned to the Township following the clean-up event:

- Collapsible “Litter Crew Ahead” signs
- Traffic cones
- Orange safety vests
- Plastic trash bags

Plastic trash bags will be provided for litter collection, which a designated member of the Township Public Works staff will collect for disposal following the clean-up event.

Roadside Clean-Up General Safety Guidelines

Appropriate Clothing and Gear

- **Wear light-colored protective clothing: long-sleeved shirts and long pants.**
 - Do not wear short-sleeved shirts, tank tops, dresses, skirts, capris, or flood pants.
- **Wear hard-soled shoes with socks that cover the entire foot.**
 - Do not wear sandals, open-toed, or open-back shoes.
- **Dress warmly in colder months by layering.**
 - Clothing should not impair vision or movement.
- **Safety vests are highly visible and must be worn within the clean-up area.**
- **Bring heavy work gloves.**
- **Wear protective eyewear when working with tools.**
- **Spray clothing with insect repellent.**

On-Site Conduct and Safety Practices

- **Work only during daylight hours in fair weather.** If the weather is or becomes inclement, reschedule the event for a new day and time.
- **Carpool** to the clean-up site.
- **Park all vehicles clear of the road.**
- **Work only during non-peak travel times.**
- **Working on or around holidays** is prohibited due to heavier traffic volumes.

- **Avoid construction sites, maintenance sites, tunnels, bridges, and overpasses** due to reduced visibility.
- **Always work in groups.**
- **Always work on one side of the road at a time;** do not split the group between two sides.
- **Always face oncoming traffic.**
- **Do not walk out into lanes of traffic.**
- **Stay on the roadside and off nearby private property.**
- **Do not wear headsets or listen to any audio devices while at the site.**
- **Cellphones are only to be used in the event of an emergency.**
- **No horseplay or any behavior that could distract passing drivers or other volunteers.**

Handling Litter and Objects

- **Do not compact trash bags**—this prevents injuries from sharp or broken objects.
- **Do not try to pick up tires and heavy objects; call Solebury Township (215-297-5656) to have them picked up.**
- **Pile trash bags in a visible area and notify Solebury Township for pickup.**

Items and Conditions to NEVER Touch or Approach

- **Never pick up:**
 - Antifreeze
 - Abandoned barrels
 - Broken automotive batteries
 - Bulging or dented containers
 - Chemical containers
 - Containers of unidentifiable materials or leaking unknown substances
 - Gas cans
 - Hypodermic needles

- Narcotics
- Paint cans
- Pesticide/herbicide containers
- Propane tanks
- Used oil
- Unidentifiable containers and/or materials that appear hazardous
- **If you find a firearm, knife, or any weapon, do not touch it.** Note the location and tell your group leader to call the police immediately.
- **If you find syringes (biohazardous materials), do not touch them.** Note the location and tell your group leader to call the police immediately.
- **Do not touch any items with radioactive or biohazard symbols.** Note the location, tell your group leader, and then tell your group leader to call the police immediately.
- **Do not touch or handle Poison Ivy** with bare hands; if contact occurs, wash skin within ten (10) minutes.
- **Do not touch or handle giant hogweed** with bare hands; if contact occurs, wash immediately with soap and water and call the giant hogweed hotline (1-877-464-9333) to report the location.
 - **Giant hogweed** (*Heracleum mantegazzianum*) is a VERY LARGE, invasive plant that can cause painful burns and scarring. Brushing against or breaking the plant releases sap that, combined with sunlight and moisture, can cause a severe chemical burn within 24 to 48 hours.
- **Do not touch or pick up any wild animals** you see along the roadside; leave them alone.
- **Leave your pets at home** for their own safety.
- **Should you find dead animals, call Solebury Township (215-297-5656);** for your safety, do not handle them.

Health and Personal Safety Measures

- **Do not participate while under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol.**

- **Watch out for animal holes and rocks hidden by plants.**
- **Keep hands and feet out of areas you cannot see.**
- **Stay off rocky, steep, or unstable slopes.**
- **Use proper lifting and bending techniques** to prevent muscle injury.
- **Avoid overexertion.**
- **Drink plenty of water** to avoid dehydration.
- **Do not wear strong-smelling cologne or perfume.**
- **Keep a First Aid Kit easily accessible.** Recommended items for a first aid kit include Band-Aids, gauze, gloves, antiseptic, pain relievers, and more.
- **Have emergency contact information for all participants,** including lists of allergies and medications, emergency contact's name, address, and telephone, and name and telephone number of their doctor.
- **Carry a cellphone** with a charged battery.
- **Have adequate transportation available.**
- **Know the location of the nearest hospital/emergency treatment center.**

Using Tools Safely

- **Bring along garden gloves and necessary tools** (e.g., hand spade, loppers, rake, wheelbarrow).
- **Know how to use tools properly.**
- **Wear protective eyewear when working.**
- **Do not lift items that are too heavy;** use a dolly or wheelbarrow to move them.

WARNING - Do Not Collect the Following Types of Litter:

<p style="text-align: center;">Car Batteries</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Animal Carcass</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Sharps</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Explosives</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;">Flammables/Combustibles</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Reactives/Oxidizers</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Corrosives</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Poisonous/Toxic</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;">Radioactive</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Infectious/Biohazardous</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Gas Cylinders</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Hazardous Waste</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;">PCB Waste</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Discarded Live Ammunition</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Oversized Items</p> 	