



A clean and beautiful city shows that we take pride in our community. I invite you to help make Decatur an even better place to live, work and play by joining in the efforts to keep our city litter free. With the Adopt-a-Mile, Adopt-an-Area and Adopt-a-Neighborhood programs, you have the flexibility to adopt the area that is important to you. You and your group can make a difference and keep Decatur beautiful.

*Linda Suber*

## Seven Sources of LITTER

1. Commercial refuse sources, including dumpsters
2. Household trash handling
3. Construction/Demolition sites
4. Uncovered vehicles
5. Loading docks
6. Motorists
7. Pedestrians



PLEASE KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK AND CONTINUE TO IMPROVE DECATUR'S BEAUTIFICATION EFFORTS.

City of Decatur  
Landscape & Beautification Department  
1802 Central Parkway SW  
Decatur, AL 35601

Phone (256) 341-4776  
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Litter Hotline (256) 341-4778



*Adopt-a-Mile Guidelines*





The City of Decatur's Landscape & Beautification Department will work with your group to ensure you have the proper tools to make your clean-up efforts successful.

- > Large litter bags
- > Group recognition Adopt-an-Area signs
- > Safety vests
- > Pick-up tools



**TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS, PLEASE FOLLOW THESE SAFETY GUIDELINES:**

- > Park all vehicles off roadways and shoulders.
- > Stop work in inclement weather.
- > Watch footing when walking on slopes.
- > Be alert for holes & obstacles.
- > Be alert for snakes, stinging insects & poisonous plants.
- > Wear light-colored clothing that covers arms & legs.
- > Wear a hat & work gloves.
- > Face oncoming traffic, keeping an eye on vehicles at all times.
- > Adult supervision is required when participants are 15 years of age or younger.
- > Do not attempt to squeeze trash bags to make room for more trash; injuries from broken or jagged objects can result.

**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:**

- > Have a first aid kit available.
- > Have transportation available at all times.

**STEPS FOR ADOPTING YOUR AREA**

1. Choose an area that is special to you and your group
2. Complete the Adopt-an-Area application and return it to the Landscape & Beautification Department.
3. We will contact you upon receiving your application.

**APPLICATION FOR THE ADOPT-AN-AREA PROGRAM**

Name of participating group or individual \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (D) \_\_\_\_\_ (N) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (D) \_\_\_\_\_

Location & description of proposed adopted area: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that this is a volunteer program and, therefore, pledge my time and efforts of the aforementioned group to working on a volunteer basis with the Adopt-an-Area program for a period of two years. It also is understood that the aforementioned group will be given the option of continuing in the program after the two-year period.

I understand that this is a volunteer program and, therefore, will not hold The City of Decatur or its employees liable for accidents or other related incidents that occur while participating in this program.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(contact person for group)

Detach and Mail to:

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