



We Want You to Adopt-A-Park!

Keep Omaha Beautiful, Inc., has been working for over 50 years with litter reduction, beautification and environmental education. We would like for you to get your group, family, or neighborhood association involved in helping us to increase our Adopt-A-Park partnerships.

Keep Omaha Beautiful, Inc. and the City of Omaha are looking for organized groups to help clean, beautify and maintain a park location near their association, business or home.

Keep Omaha Beautiful, Inc. will supply bags, equipment or gloves if needed.

Visit our website at www.keepomahabeautiful.org for a listing of parks that are available for adoption.

Please look at the Adopt-A-Park guidelines and agreement enclosed. Fill out the information and return it to:

Kay Noonan
Executive Assistant
Keep Omaha Beautiful, Inc.
1819 Farnam Street, Suite 306
Omaha, NE 68183
Phone: 402-444-7774
Fax: 402-444-7351
www.keepomahabeautiful.org

Cindy Smiley, Executive Director will sign the application and send to Parks & Recreation personnel for their signature. A copy will be mailed to you. **Thank you!**





Adopt-A-Park Agreement

(For Organized Groups Not Individuals)



The following organization is entering into agreement with the Omaha Parks and Recreation Department and Keep Omaha Beautiful, Inc.

Name of organization: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Address & Zip _____

Number of people in your group: _____ Email Address: _____

Location and Name of Park to be Adopted: _____

In order to adopt this park, your group will need to understand that:

- **This is a two-year commitment.**
- **A yearly report stating how many volunteers, how many hours and what was accomplished will be required by December 1st of each year.**
- **The park should be cleaned a minimum of once a month. More if needed.**
- **Your commitment will include proper maintenance of the park such as:**
 - o Picking up litter
 - o Sweeping sidewalk and parking lots
 - o Keeping the park clear of debris
 - o Cleaning of fire grills
 - o Report broken equipment or tables.
 - o Raking leaves, picking up branches.
 - o Pulling weeds

There are additional projects available for your group, but you must contact our office for pre-approval from the city prior to doing any of the following examples:

- o Cleaning gutters and storm drains
- o Painting: park benches, picnic tables, playground equipment
- o Painting graffiti
- o Use of mulch when and if available
- o Requesting additional trash cans
- o Planting and watering of trees and flowers

With these guidelines in mind, we welcome your group as an Adopt-A-Park Partner and thank you for your support in truly Keeping Omaha Beautiful!

Leader of Organization/Title

Date

Parks & Recreation Representative

Date

Keep Omaha Beautiful, Inc. Director

Date

For Organized Groups Who Want to Adopt-A-Park Guidelines

1. Any organized group interested in adopting a park may call KOB (444-7774) or email kay.replogle@ci.omaha.ne.us
2. The key is to match the right park with the right group as each park has different maintenance needs.
3. Duties are agreed upon at the time of adoption with all duties listed on an adoption agreement.
4. The contract is open ended. Either party may terminate at any time.
5. If the park was not maintained in the standards that the City expected, then the Parks Department would contact KOB and inform them of the lack of care. KOB would contact the group and if a solution was not rendered the contract would be terminated.
6. Duties could vary from picking up litter and debris, cleaning and sweeping. No power tools, such as tractors or chain saws, would be permitted for liability reasons. If planting or painting were to be considered please contact our office for further assistance.
7. The City Parks Department would continue to mow, empty trash cans, and perform major maintenance operations. The adopting party would assist in maintaining parks by freeing up City personnel to perform other duties.
8. The advantages are great. One is that vandalism is reduced because more "eyes" are on the parks. The adoption parties have a real stake in the beauty of the park and watch it carefully. We might consider the option of letting a corporation adopt a park and consider adding such things as basketball courts, purchasing picnic tables, fire grills, park benches, and playground equipment.
9. **It is expected that adopting agencies maintain the park a minimum of once per month. And we're here to help you!!**



**KEEP OMAHA BEAUTIFUL, INC.
Adopt-A-Park**

WAIVER FORM
(For Volunteers)

Volunteer Service Program
Adopt-A-Park

AGREEMENT FOR INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTARY SERVICES
(Volunteers should be 16 years of age or older or supervised by adults)

Name (Type or print full name)

Telephone Number

Address (Street, City, State, Zip)

Name of Organization

Location to be cleaned

I, the undersigned, agree to indemnify and hold harmless Keep Omaha Beautiful, Inc. and the City of Omaha for all costs, expense, and liability arising out of participation in the Adopt-A-Park partnership program. The group waives all claims for damage or loss to any person in the group or property which may be caused by an act or failure to act, by Keep Omaha Beautiful, Inc. its officers, agents or employees and City of Omaha arising directly or indirectly from our participation in this event; and hereby assumes liability for any loss, damage, or other liability from such event.

Keep Omaha Beautiful, Inc. hereby accepts volunteer's offered services subject to the above conditions.

Signature of Volunteer

Date

Additional volunteer signatures can be placed on the back of this sheet.
You **DO NOT** have to have a separate waiver form for each volunteer.

This waiver form must be returned along with Completion Form to:

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