

## City of Auburn, Adopt-A-Park

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- Make the City aware of any items of concern;
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- Generally maintain the above stated area in a manner that improves the beauty and overall appearance of the City.
- In exchange for the public good will generated through participation in the City of Auburn Adopt-A-Park program, we voluntarily waive any and all claims for injuries or damages suffered by us arising out of participation in the program and covenant not to sue the City of Auburn, its officer, agents or employees.

In addition, the organization maintains that it abides by the City of Auburn policies and the organization does not unlawfully discriminate against its members or in delivering its goods, services, or programs because of race, color, religion, sex, marital status, national origin or ancestry, disability, or matriculation.

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## ADOPT-A-PARK APPLICATION FORM

Organization/ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name on Adopt-A-Park sign will appear as written on this line)

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

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Persons in Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Park Preference if any: \_\_\_\_\_

I (We) have read and agree to abide by the policies and regulations adopted by the City of Auburn regarding the Adopt-A-Park Program. Policies and regulations can be found at:  
<http://auburnillinois.us>

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*For Office Use Only:*

*Assigned Park:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Start Date:* \_\_\_\_\_ *End Date:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Sign Made:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Initials:* \_\_\_\_\_

**Adopt-A-Park program rules and regulations:**

By volunteering in the City of Auburn sponsored Adopt-A-Park program, participants agree to adhere by the following:

1. I am a volunteer participating in the Adopt-A-Park program sponsored by the City of Auburn, Illinois (the "City").
2. My participation in the program is voluntary. I acknowledge that participating in the program carries with it certain inherent risks that cannot be eliminated regardless of the care taken to avoid injuries. I know and am aware of all the dangers associated with my participation in the program and with such knowledge assume any and all such risks while participating in the activity.
3. To the best of my knowledge I am physically fit and have no physical or medical conditions that would prevent me from participating in the activity. I acknowledge that the City recommends that prior to participating in the program, I should first consult with my physician and abide by any limitations set by my physician.
4. I understand and agree that neither the City or any person acting on behalf of the City, may be held liable in any way for any event which occurs in connection with the activity that may result in harm, death, injury or other damage to me. This waiver of liability does not waive liability for any injuries that I obtain as the result of any willful, wanton or intentional misconduct by the City or any person acting on behalf of the City.
5. I agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City for any expense or liability the City may incur as a result of my conduct, actions or omissions while participating in the activity.
6. It is my express intent that this Waiver and Release shall bind the members of my family, if I am alive, and my heirs, assigns and personal representatives if I am deceased.

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent and/or Guardian

CITY OF AUBURN, ILLINOIS  
SAFETY RULES FOR ADOPT-A-PARK VOLUNTEERS

1. No volunteers shall be under the age of 8 for the adopt-a-park program.
2. One adult supervisor, at least 21 years of age, must accompany every eight workers under the age of 18.
3. Pets will not be allowed to accompany works for the adopt-a-trail program.
4. Always wear gloves and sunscreen.
5. Do not work under potentially dangerous weather conditions, such as rain and heavy wind.
6. Inappropriate behavior during the pickup may be cause for termination of contract.
7. Work must be done during daylight hours.
8. For the protection of all workers, appropriate clothing and footwear must be worn. Loose fitting clothes that cover the legs are recommended. Gloves and hard soled shoes are required – no open toe shoes or bare feet.
9. Safety vest must be worn at all times during the litter pick-up projects.
10. An adequate supply of drinking water and a first aid kit must be provided by the volunteers during the pickup operation. A cellular phone is also a good idea to have if possible.
11. Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances while working is prohibited. Anyone under the influence of alcohol or narcotics shall be asked to leave the work site.
12. Do not spray any chemicals.
13. Volunteers shall inform City staff if large objects need to be removed or picked up.
14. When lifting objects, use correct lifting techniques, keep your back as straight as possible. Keep the object that you are trying to lift close to your body and let your legs do the work. Do not attempt to lift heavy objects that two of you cannot reasonably lift.
15. Filled garbage bags shall be left by trash receptacles or at a prearranged point.
16. Do not stomp on trash bags (stomping may cause sharp objects to puncture the bag).
17. Aluminum cans or other discarded materials may be kept by the volunteers. Found valuables such as briefcases, suitcases, or wallets must be turned over to the program coordinator.
18. Each group should know the easiest way to get to the hospital from your work area.
19. Each group should have immediate transportation available.
20. Participants should assure first aid kits are available and it is recommended that at least one person is experienced in administering first aid and CPR and that transportation is available to the nearest medical facility.
21. Report any vandalism or damage to the parks.
22. Any use of power equipment shall be done by someone at least 21 years of age and under appropriate supervision of an individual familiar with operating the equipment.
23. Complete the participant form and return to the City Office before commencing any work.

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