

Adopt-a-Street FAQ's

Why can I not adopt my preferred location?

We can only sign adoption contracts for streets that are maintained by the City of Durham. If your preferred location is a state street or has already been adopted by another group you will not be allowed to adopt it.

What if I don't know what street I want to adopt?

If you don't have a location in mind, we will identify one or more good locations to be adopted and you can decide if you would like to adopt at a location we have identified.

How often/How long do I need to maintain my street?

Our contracts are typically for one year; you can choose to extend if you would like to maintain the street for longer. The contract states that you are responsible for cleaning the street once a month, we understand that litter levels will vary and you may need to do more or less. If you do not think the street needs to be cleaned one month, please record that information so we know that you are still keeping up with the adoption.

What do I do if I don't have a place to dispose of the trash when I have done a cleanup?

If there is not an appropriate trash receptacle near your adopted street or if you are unable to get the waste to an appropriate location please let someone at Keep Durham Beautiful know and we can work to get it picked up.

How do I report that I have done a cleanup?

You can report your street cleanups by filling out and scanning the Adopt-a-Street reporting form that will be provided when you sign a contract OR you can report your cleanup using the Volunteer Reporting Form on our website (https://keepdurhambeautiful.org/volunteer-reporting-form)

What supplies do I need to Adopt-a-Street?

You will need trash bags, litter grabbers, and vests and gloves if you would like them. Keep Durham Beautiful will provide litter cleanup supplies for your adoption cleanups. The supplies can be picked up from our office at a previously scheduled time. These supplies are a loan and must be returned at the completion of your adoption.

How do I get my signs up on the street?





You are qualified to have your signs put up after **three consecutive** months of cleanups that have been reported to Keep Durham Beautiful. Once you have met the requirement, we will confirm where and what you would like on the signs with you and handle the sign process. KDB will coordinate with City of Durham to provide **2 signs per 1-mile stretch** – usually one going in each direction.

How do I get my signs to stay up?

The sign will stay up as long as we receive consistent reports each month, and the contract is renewed each year. If reports are not submitted for **3 consecutive months**, the sign will be removed. The sign will also be removed if the contract is not renewed on a yearly basis.

For any other questions please contact a representative at Keep Durham Beautiful or email info@keepdurhambeautiful.org