

ADOPT-A-GREENWAY

CLEANUP TIPS



Preserving and beautifying our greenways is important, but SAFETY is more important. Group leaders are responsible for conducting safety briefings prior to your scheduled cleanup. Please review the following guidelines with your group to ensure that it is a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone.

Before the Cleanup:

- Request supplies at least five working days prior to the cleanup.
- Make sure all *Release and Indemnification Forms* have been submitted for each member.
- Plan your cleanup only during daylight hours.
- Meet at a pre-arranged location. Walking, biking and carpooling are encouraged to reduce the number of vehicles along the greenway.

The Day Of:

- Bring the cleanup supplies provided.
- Bring snacks and plenty of water (try using reusable bottles).
- Bring a camera to take before and after photos of your work to submit to the City and show off the difference you are making.
- Distribute cleanup supplies.
- Conduct safety briefing.
- Postpone cleanup if lightning or other inclement weather occurs and resume 72 hours later.

What to Wear:

- Wear boots or sturdy, closed-toe shoes.
- Wear bright or light-colored clothing for visibility.
- Wear jeans or long pants.
- Wear clothing appropriate for existing weather conditions.
- Wear garden/leather work gloves or the provided disposable gloves.
- Wear sunscreen and/or hat for protection.
- Wear insect repellent.

Safety Guidelines:

- Work in pairs. Each pair should be working with a group of four to six people. Do not wander off on your own. Make sure you have a view of others in your group.
- Use caution around creek banks—they may be uneven, steep or slippery.
- Use caution when handling hidden or sharp objects.
- Use proper lifting and bending techniques.
- Do not over exhaust yourself, especially in the summer months. Take breaks regularly and rehydrate.
- Do not work near roadways, construction sites or other maintenance activities.
- Do not try to compact trash bags— injuries from broken or jagged objects may occur.
- Do not wear headphones—listen for possible hazards from group members.
- Do not run, throw objects or engage in horseplay.
- Do not attempt to remove objects that are too big for human disposal.
- Do not pick up/handle any kind of toxins or chemical drums, needles, weapons, dead animals, etc. Note the removal of these objects on your *Cleanup Report Form*.
- Stay away from poisonous snakes like the native copperhead and cottonmouth (water moccasin).
- Stay away from poisonous plants like these:



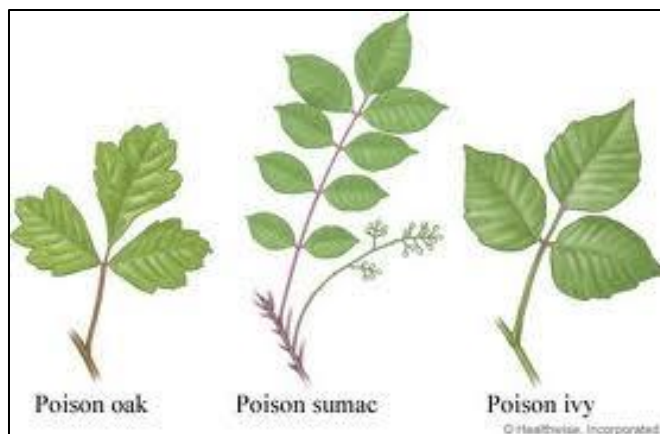
Poison Oak



Poison Sumac



Poison Ivy



In Case of an Emergency:

- Have a cell phone.
- Have the provided first aid kit immediately available.
- Know hospital route closest to the designated greenway.

After the Cleanup:

- Group the trash bags together and drop them off at the designated location specified on your greenway map.
- Complete the *Cleanup Report Form* and specify any objects that were too big or hazardous to handle, as described above.

The City of College Station appreciates your enthusiasm, time and effort in the Adopt-a-Greenway program. Thanks for all your hard work! If you have any questions, please contact:

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