

Safety Tips

What to wear:

- Heavy gloves
- Leather shoes or boots
- Light colored clothing and brightly-colored caps
- Wear a long-sleeved shirt along with your safety vest provided by the Dakota County Transportation Department or the department-approved vest provided by your group leader
- Use sunscreen and insect repellent

Before you go:

- Schedule your pick up for daylight hours
- Reschedule if the weather looks threatening
- Review the safety precautions and take them seriously.
- Distribute trash bags.
- Agree on a meeting place.
- Bring along a supply of drinking water.

While you work:

1. Limit your area to the shoulders; do not clean the median.
2. Whenever possible, face oncoming traffic.
3. Stay alert and be prepared to move out of the way.
4. Stay with your team.
5. Do not wear headsets that could prevent you from hearing traffic.
6. Do not crush collected trash. Broken or jagged objects could cause accidental injuries.
7. Do not horse around or do anything to purposely distract drivers.

What to avoid:

Construction sites	Mowing activities	Open water
Bridge overpasses	Dead animals	Poison ivy
Recently-applied pesticides	Heavy or large materials	Covered containers
Hypodermic needles	Abandoned barrels	Paint
Syringes	Any sharp objects	Weapons

Please notify the Transportation Department of any large or hazardous materials that you find. Do not pick them up or open any closed boxes or containers.