



Pierce Transit **ADOPT A STOP PROGRAM** Expectations & Safety

Pierce Transit (also referred to as the Agency) will provide you (the Adoptee) gloves, a reflective vest, grabbers and a garbage tote for use during cleanup activities at the bus stop only. Please use these protective items, a long sleeved shirt, long pants and closed-toed shoes at all times while collecting trash at the bus stop area. The Adoptee shall exercise his or her best judgment about handling the litter, make every effort not to touch or pick up syringes, hypodermic needles, or exceptionally large, heavy or unyielding objects and assume all risks of handling the litter. The Adoptee shall contact Pierce Transit directly to clean bus stop shelter glass, to dispose of litter that may be hazardous, dangerous, heavy or unyielding. Safety is the number one priority of the program. Please keep these guidelines in mind as you remove trash at the bus stop.

1. Conduct activities in a safe, professional and courteous manner.
2. Wear and use all safety supplies provided.
3. Collect trash only during daylight hours.
4. Park no vehicles within the bus stop area.
5. Watch for hazards such as poison ivy, blackberries, insects, stray dogs or other potentially dangerous animals.
6. Empty the trash into the tote provided. Properly dispose of filled garbage bag(s). Do not compact bags as sharp objects may push through or the bag could burst.
7. Do not go into the street or roadway to collect litter.
8. Do not touch anything suspected to be hazardous. Take appropriate precautions and report the location and description of the material/substance to the Agency representative. Materials may include syringes, hypodermic needles, or large, heavy or unyielding objects. Report these items to the Agency for proper disposal.
9. Ensure that anyone who volunteers to assist you is 15 years of age or older. The Adoptee shall furnish supervision by one or more adults when minors (under 18 years of age) participate in the cleanup activity. All volunteers must have a signed application on file.
10. Provide the Agency with an Activity Report at least once a month.
11. Report any injuries incurred by participants during trash collection activities to the Agency representative within two working days of the injury. Notification should include:
 - Name of injured participant
 - nature of injury
 - date and time of injury
 - how the injury occurred
12. Make arrangements with the Agency to replace damaged safety supplies.
13. Return gloves, vest, tote and any other equipment supplied by the Agency upon termination of the Agreement.

The Agency recommends that the Adoptee have a first aid kit available at the bus stop and at least one person with a valid First Aid card be present during activities and that the Adoptee has a cell phone, radio or some form of two-way communication on site in case of emergency.

The adopted bus stop will be monitored to ensure trash is being picked up on a regular basis. If we determine an unsatisfactory level of cleanliness, we will contact you to verify you are still interested in the Adopt A Stop program. If the situation continues we may opt to terminate the agreement. Likewise, if you are no longer interested or if you will be unavailable to attend to the bus stop for more than one week, please contact us so we can make alternate arrangements. The terms of this Agreement shall be effective from the date signed by Pierce Transit and continue until terminated by either party, by either the written or verbal request of either party. Upon termination the Adopt A Stop sign will be removed and remain the property of Pierce Transit.

Pierce Transit is authorized to suspend or terminate this Agreement without notice if it deems such action necessary or if the Adoptee fails to comply with any conditions of this Agreement, or for any public purpose, without cost to the Agency.

**When in doubt, give us a shout -
253.983.3455 or adoptastop@piercetransit.org.**

