

ADOPT-A-PARK PROGRAM

The City of International Falls Adopt-a-park Program aims at beautifying our parks, decreasing vandalism, improving safety, and increasing community pride in our parks. The Adopt-a-park program also helps educate the public about the financial challenges facing the City and offers a real opportunity for individuals and community groups to assist the City's maintenance crews with clean-up activities. The City recognizes that this program cannot be successful without dedicated citizens who donate their time in an effort to make a difference in our community. The City encourages individuals and organizations to become involved in the care and maintenance of our parks and commits to publicly recognizing these individuals and organizations for their contributions to our city. If you or your group would like to be involved with the Adopt-a-park Program please contact City Hall at 283-9484.

Program Information & Policies

1. While it is possible for an individual to participate in the Adopt-a-park Program, the City encourages group participation so that work can be shared. The group should provide one individual as a contact person with the City. Groups and/or individuals should make at least a one year commitment to the Adopt-a-park program.
2. Adopt-a-park duties are year-round. Monitoring of the park should be done on a regular basis, usually twice a month during the warm season and as weather permits in the cold season.
3. Adopt-a-park participants are encouraged to think about long-term improvements from which the park could benefit. However, prior authorization must be obtained before any development or maintenance project begins. Participants must be physically able to perform general park maintenance and children under age 18 must be properly supervised.
4. Recycling of all waste is encouraged. Individuals or groups may keep any and all proceeds from any material of recyclable value that is found.
5. Duties must be performed during daylight hours only and during appropriate weather conditions. Be aware of your surroundings to ensure your safety and the safety of others. Use caution and wear gloves while handling or collecting items such as litter and debris. Do not crush collected items as broken or jagged objects may cause injury.
6. Participants under the age of 18 must have written parent / guardian permission on file prior to beginning this program.

Adopt-A- Park General Duties (participants are encouraged to do more)

- Picking up litter & debris
- Sweeping
- Raking leaves
- Spring & Fall clean up
- Weeding
- Plant / Water Flowers (locations approved by Public Works Department)
- Graffiti - notify Public Works Department
- Clean out barbecue grills as necessary
- General park observation (broken glass, user behavior, lights, noise and etc.).
- Check play equipment for obvious safety concerns
- Return spilled sand to designated play areas

General Equipment Needs

The City of International Falls Public Works Department will provide Adopt-a-park groups with garbage bags and will arrange for garbage disposal. Safety vests are available and should be worn when working along park roads. Adopt-a-park participants are asked to provide rakes, shovels, work gloves, eyewear, and brooms as may be necessary to perform work. For questions about the Adopt-a-park Program please contact City Hall at 283-9484.