

Adopt-A-Park Safety Guidelines



The Tinley Park-Park District appreciates groups, organizations and individuals taking ownership of their public parks. The following rules are provided for the safety of those committed to extending themselves and working to keep the parks of Tinley Park beautiful.

Volunteer and Safety Rules & Procedures

1. One adult must accompany every eight workers under age 18
2. A written waiver and release will be needed from each group/person assisting in the park maintenance
3. For the protection of all workers, appropriate clothing and footwear must be worn
4. Sandals/open toed shoes are prohibited while working at the park
5. Drinking water and a first aid kit should be provided by volunteer organizations during all Adopt-A-Park Partner volunteer work periods
6. Adopt-A-Park Partner volunteer are prohibited from bringing pets to work at the park
7. Work must be done during daylight hours
8. All participants are to follow park rules and regulations
9. Inappropriate behaviors during the clean-up procedures will not be tolerated. The possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages while working are prohibited
10. Adopting groups will not remove any large or hazardous items. Items will be tagged, and group will contact the Tinley Park-Park District for removal
11. Work will be done on Tinley Park-Park District property only
12. Please return any valuables found to the Park District Main Office
13. Tinley Park-Park District has the right to terminate agreement if Adopting group fails to follow terms and agreement of the program

Volunteers work under the oversight of Tinley Park-Park District staff. Tasks typically fall into the category of basic maintenance, and most projects are very low risk. Risk is carefully managed and minimized. The Tinley Park-Park District does not allow volunteers to use power tools or chemicals, nor allow volunteers to do tree pruning or other tree work, including but not limited to, fertilizing, air spading, deep root fertilization etc. Mulching and root collar clearing may be done by volunteers with coordination and oversight from the Parks Staff of the Tinley Park-Park District.

Waiver & Release

By signing this Adopt-a-Park Program application, I agree and acknowledge that work will be performed in accordance with the Conditions and Agreements below. As a representative of the group referenced above, I have read and agree to abide by the policies, guidelines and safety recommendations set forth by Tinley Park-Park District regarding the Adopt-a-Park Program. I understand that the Tinley Park-Park District will decide the scope of work and feasibility of the adoption.

I acknowledge that there are inherent risks involved in this activity, including, but not limited to, damage to my personal property and the property of my group, and risk of serious injury, or even death, to me or the members of my group. I recognize and agree that participation in the Adopt-a-Park Program is at my risk and the risk of individual participants in my group, and that the Tinley Park-Park District cannot assume responsibility for injuries or property damage.

In consideration of me being granted permission to participate in the Adopt-a-Park Program, I agree to hold harmless and indemnify the Board of the Tinley Park-Park District and all of its officers, agents and employees from any and all claims, losses, damages, injuries, fines, penalties and costs (including court costs and attorney's fees), charges, or liabilities arising from my participation in the Adopt-a-Park Program. I am eighteen (18) years of age or older. I have read this Program Application and agree to its terms and will provide each participant (or their legal guardian) a copy of this waiver and release in order for them to participant in this program.