



Parks and Recreation  
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# Adopt-A-Park Agreement

*Volunteer in April - Summer – Fall*

**Adopt**                       **One Time Group**

Park I want to Adopt: \_\_\_\_\_

My Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please recognize my efforts as: \_\_\_\_\_  
(ex: Smith Family, Bill and Sue Johnson, Arbor Park Neighbors, Neighborhood Church Youth)

The City of Moorhead is allowed to recognize volunteer names/groups on the City Website/publications.

## Why do we need your help?

- Litter is unsightly - it destroys the aesthetics of our beautiful parks and City.
- Litter is expensive – we hire seasonal workers to pick up litter and empty trashcans for five months each year and still we cannot keep up with the problem.
- Your help each spring, summer, and fall will save tax dollars and allow maintenance workers to devote time and effort to other important projects.
- A litter free community is inviting to visitors, prospective new citizens, and businesses.

## What are the adopter's responsibilities?

- Begin park clean up in April. Throughout the summer and fall maintain adopted area on a weekly basis.
- Assist with litter pick up, flowerbed weeding, raking leaves, and twig/small branch pickup.
- Bring a first aid kit.
- Encourage participants to bring a cell phone.
- Be prepared to move out of way of bicyclists, in-line skaters, and pedestrians on the recreational paths.
- Watch footings when close to river, on steep or muddy banks, or near dams.
- Avoid Poison Ivy. (Leaves of three let them be)
- Discontinue work in inclement weather, especially during times of reduced visibility, during electrical storms, and during other daylight conditions.
- Avoid over exertion, drink plenty of water especially on warm, humid days.
- Volunteers under the age of 18 must be supervised by a responsible adult.
- Recommend wearing long pants, shoes or boots (no open toes or sandals), and sunscreen/bug repellent.
- Suggested ratio: 1 adult to 10 youth (ages 12 and under)
- Do not attempt to remove homeless sites or suspected toxic/hazardous substances, needles, sharp objects or objects too heavy or large to move – note the approximate location and notify Public Works.
- Leave filled garbage bags in the existing garbage cans or right next to them.
- The adopter or one time group shall be considered as independent contractors and not as employees of Moorhead Parks and Recreation for any purpose, such as worker's compensation, medical insurance, nor any job benefits normally provided to Moorhead Parks and Recreation employees.



- Each adopter or one time group does hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the City, its agents and employees from all costs, including attorney fees, as a result of any personal injury to any individual and/or group, or other person, or property damage to city property or any other person's property caused by, or as a result of his or her actions while performing the responsibilities under this Adopt-A-Park Program.
- The adopter or one time group representative shall provide a copy of the "Responsibilities" to each and every volunteer/participant performing clean-up activities.
- Emergency Numbers:
  - Moorhead Parks and Recreation 218.299.5340
  - Red River Regional Dispatch 701.451.7660
  - Emergency 911

**Contact Public Works, 700 15<sup>th</sup> Ave N, Moorhead, at 218.299.5422 to:**

- Schedule your pick up time to get garbage bags, rakes, and disposable gloves.
- Call when clean- up is completed so staff can promptly pick up garbage bags the following day.
- Return unused gloves, garbage bags, and rakes and pickers to Public Works.

If, in the judgment of Moorhead Parks and Recreation, it is determined that the individual and/or group had failed to perform the clean-up in a manner acceptable to Moorhead Parks and Recreation or it otherwise did not follow the spirit and intent of this agreement, Moorhead Parks and Recreation may terminate this agreement upon notice to the Group.

By your signature below you hereby agree to the terms and conditions set forth in this agreement and the Adopt-A-Park responsibilities. By your signature, you are the designated Adopt-A-Park Representative to represent yourself and your group of volunteers.

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Trevor Magnuson  
Recreation Specialist  
Moorhead Parks and Recreation

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Date

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Group's Representative (print)

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Group's Representative (Signature)

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Date

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E-mail

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Daytime Phone Number

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Fax Number