

# Bag It, Move It, or Leave It?

## Adopt-A-Road Instructions for Handling Roadside Litter



### BAG IT

#### These items may be placed in a bag:

- Small items made of paper, cardboard, plastic, Styrofoam, wood, rubber, glass, or metal provided that the item does not have sharp edges
  - Small, empty containers provided that the item does not have sharp edges
- Adopt-A-Road participants are encouraged to redeem recyclable items

### MOVE IT

#### These items should be placed alongside your stacked bags at the edge of the shoulder:

- Items with dull, pointed edges that might tear a bag
- Large items that would prevent a bag from being properly tied closed
- Heavy items that could tear a bag, provided that the item can be moved without causing physical injury
- Containers that are not empty if the contents won't spill when moved and you can identify the product as one that is not hazardous. (If you suspect that an item contains urine, do not move it.)

If in doubt, leave the item alone!

### LEAVE IT

#### These items should be left where found without taking further action:

- Sharp, large or heavy items that could cause physical injury if moved
- Any item that is in an unsafe location (within six feet of a traffic lane, on unstable ground etc.)

#### Report these items to the Adopt-A-Road Coordinator that day or on the next working day, during normal business hours:

- Items you are not permitted to bag or move that will not be easily visible to the County road crews collecting your filled bags (if possible, place a filled bag near the item to mark its location)
- Securely closed items containing hazardous substances

#### Report these items to the Adopt-A-Road Coordinator that same day:

- Any item that you cannot identify and suspect may be hazardous
- Unclosed or leaking items containing hazardous substances

#### Call 911 if you find the following kinds of items:

- Items with hazardous material labels
- Items that could pose an immediate danger
- Items that could be crime-scene evidence

Keep a safe distance away from the item and do not disturb it in any way. If you do not have access to a cell phone or call box, then someone in your group (other than your group's safety leader) must leave the site to make the call. Unless advised to leave the area, the safety leader must stay at the site until a law enforcement officer or County representative arrives.

## Items of Concern

ITEM	LEAVE IT	LEAVE IT & CONTACT AAR COORDINATOR	LEAVE IT & CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY
<b>Miscellaneous Items</b>			
Broken Glass	X		
Any item that you cannot identify and suspect may be hazardous		X	
<b>Hazardous Substances</b>			
Spills of liquid or powdery substances		X	
Fuels		X	
Motor oils, transmission fluids, petroleum products		X	
Antifreeze		X	
Batteries		X	
Flares		X	
Paints		X	
Aerosol cans (that are not empty)		X	
Humane urine, feces, bloody waste (gauze, etc.)		X	
Syringes, labeled medicines (prescription drugs, etc.)		X	
Animal carcasses		X	
<b>Extremely Hazardous Items / Possible Crime - Scene Evidence</b>			
Bloody items that may be crime-scene evidence			X
Explosives, possible bombs (capped pipes, etc.)			X
Weapons (guns, knives, etc.), unspent ammunition			X
Items with hazardous material labels (see examples below)			X
Unlabeled medicines, drug paraphernalia			X
Animals that may have been poached			X

### A Few Examples of Hazardous Materials Labels

