

Maintenance Innovation State of the Practice

Maintenance Innovation: Litter Signs

Description: Agencies use a variety of anti-litter campaigns and strategies.

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Queries: Litter Signs



(Source: Utah DOT.)

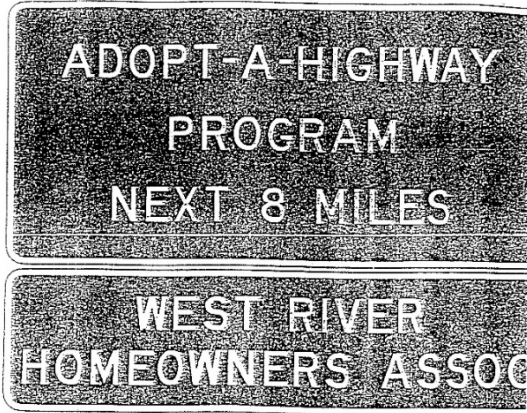
- Does your agency use litter signs, such as adopt- or sponsor-a-highway or other anti-litter signs?
- What are successful methods?
- Please provide examples of signs used.

Summary of Responses:

State	Use of Signs	Successful Practices
Illinois	Respondent not aware of signs or programs.	Maintenance crews pick up litter. The agency is considering Ohio DOT’s approach of contracting out litter collection.
New York	<p>The state’s Adopt-A-Highway program has had varying success and is not encouraged on interstates for safety purposes. Oversight is needed to ensure that the adopting group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has a valid permit to conduct activities on the state right of way. • Receives safety briefing, personal protective equipment and bags. <p>Other requirements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinating the pickup of litter bags. • Biannual litter pickups for all Adopt-A- Highway permittees. <p>Permitted group names appear on a supplementary panel below the Adopt-A-Highway 2-mile sign panel (see the sign image on page 2).</p>	Not addressed
Ohio	The respondent provided the image of a sign that appears on page 2.	Not addressed
Utah	<p>The agency discontinued its Adopt-A-Highway (AAH) volunteer litter pickup program and is removing all AAH signage from the right of way as projects are awarded.</p> <p>A new Keeping UT Beautiful program allows volunteer groups to participate in one-time cleanups on roadways; no signs are involved.</p> <p>Signs are available for businesses participating in the Sponsor-A-Highway program where the business pays for professional litter cleanup on the sponsored road segment; see the sign examples on page 2.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keeping UT Beautiful volunteer litter pickup program • Sponsor-A-Highway program • Maintenance crews picking up litter

Litter Sign Examples

New York DOT



Interstate
 TOP PANEL 60" x 30"
 BOTTOM PANEL 60" x 16"
 4" O LETTERS
 WHITE ON BLUE

Non-Interstate
 Top Panel 24" x 12"
 Bottom Panel 24" x 8"
 2" O Letters
 White on Blue

Ohio DOT



Utah DOT

