



How You Can Adopt a Block, Trail, Park or Creek

Thank you for your interest in the Mission Adopt-a-Block Society. Be one of the many community members who conduct litter clean-ups to keep Mission clean. Follow the instructions below to join our program!

1. Select your Adoption and contact the Program Coordinator

Select the street, trail, park or creek you want to adopt. View the Adopted Areas map online for availability. All adoptions are on a first-come, first-serve basis. For the Adopt-a-Block Program, streets must be **at least 2 km** long, and for the Trail Program you must select a designated section of trail. Contact the Program Coordinator at 604-826-9423 or missionadoptablock@gmail.com with your selection.

2. Confirm Adoption

After confirming your proposed block, trail, park or creek is available and safe for adoption, we will send you an information package. Note: All forms are available online at www.missionadoptablock.com

3. Review and Complete the Information Package

Complete and return the following forms to the Coordinator:

- *Participant Application Form* – provides your contact information
- *Statement of Commitment* – states you understand the terms and responsibilities of the Program
- *Release and Waiver Agreement* – to be signed by **individuals and families**; states you will not sue the AAB Society or District of Mission for injuries incurred while participating. **Schools, Organizations, or Businesses** assume their own liability as outlined in the Statement of Commitment

4. Receive Clean-Up Supplies

After the Coordinator receives the completed forms, we will arrange your clean-up supplies.

5. Organize and Plan Your First Clean-up

Organize and plan your first clean-up. The Contact Person should review the *Guide to Safe Litter Clean-up* and ensure all participants are properly prepared for the event.

6. Report Your Clean-Up Results

Use the Participant Record Form to document the date, the numbers of participants and garbage bags collected, and the duration of the clean-up. As well, make any special notes of interest. An online clean-up report is available at: www.missionadoptablock.com. Send this form to the Coordinator after **every clean-up event**. Once we receive your first clean-up report, we will arrange to have the garbage bags removed, if required, and order your recognition signs*. At this point you are considered an active participant in the Program!

7. Continue Clean-up Events and Reporting

Conduct clean-ups as necessary: one clean-up per month for Street and Creek adoptions, two clean-ups per month for park and trail adoptions. Continue to document and report your clean-up results. The Coordinator will record your activities, and arrange removal of the garbage you collect when necessary.

***IMPORTANT NOTE:** In order to be considered for the recognition signs that we provide, you must submit a monthly clean-up report outlining what you did. If there is no report received for more than 3 months the signs may be removed and the block will be put back up for adoption.

If you do not wish to provide cleanup reports but would still like to volunteer, you can do so however signs will not be available to you.