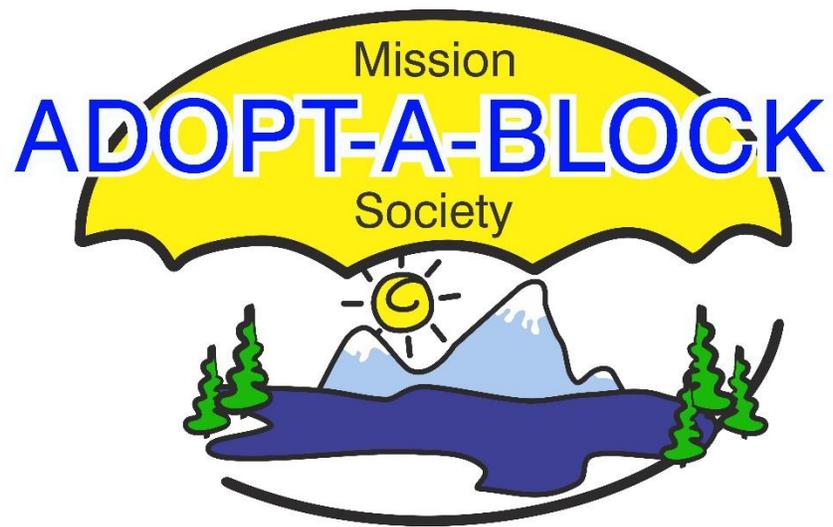


"ONE BLOCK AT A TIME"



SHOPPING CART

RETRIEVAL PROGRAM

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## Shopping Cart Retrieval Program: Overview

We believe that a healthy environment creates a healthy community. In recent times Mission has seen unprecedented growth resulting in an increase to litter in our streets, parks, trails, and streams. A particularly troublesome item are store shopping carts, which are seen on street corners, around local businesses, and all too often in our local waterways, acting as traps for litter and debris and causing substantial and damaging flooding.

The Mission Adopt-A-Block Society encourages local businesses to undertake a Voluntary Code of Practices for the prevention and reduction of litter. The Code is a list of recommendations involving four key areas: **public education, reducing packaging, proper waste handling, and litter management**. In partnership with the Mission Adopt-A-Block Society and the District of Mission, local businesses are encouraged to commit to **reduce and prevent litter, and improve the local environment**. This includes the retention of shopping carts to prevent their introduction into the wider community.



## **Key Recommendations**

We recommend businesses consider one or more of the following changes to reduce the opportunity of theft:

- Electronic Wheel Locking Systems
- Magnetic Strip
- Coin Operated Anti-theft Devices

In conjunction with anti-theft devices, we strongly recommend each store implement a weekly cart sweep to collect all carts that have been introduced into the wider community. It has been demonstrated in similar sized communities that these sweeps are successful in reducing the damage caused by rogue carts and create positive relationships between vendors and other community members.

Cart sweeps can be achieved through dedicated employee time or contracting outside businesses. Mission AAB works closely with local business, Mission to Move Forward (M2MF), a social enterprise that can provide pick-up and return services. They can be contacted at:

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## **Benefits to Your Business**

Through your participation in the Shopping Cart Retrieval Program, your company can benefit through:

- Reducing time dedicated to picking up carts
- Removing carts before they cause problems for other businesses and/or Mission residents
- Limiting the negative impact your carts may have on the immediate environment

## **Mission Adopt-A-Block's Commitment**

The Mission Adopt-A-Block Society will work hand-in-hand with local retailers and contractors to provide reporting services to ensure complaints are addressed swiftly.

This includes maintaining a record of reported carts, liaising with businesses contracted to collect carts, and providing a monthly report to store management on cart collection.

The Mission Adopt-A-Block Society is unable to personally provide cart collection services, however, if carts are found during routine clean-ups we will work to ensure a quick pick-up.

**Note:** As the project progresses, operational and developmental issues may arise, so flexibility is key in allowing for the identification and integration of new solutions.

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