



Keep Kern Roads Clean Safety Summary

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Safety Checklist:

- Ensure each participant has received safety training in advance of events.
- Review safety procedures before each work event.
- Park all vehicles completely off pavement and a minimum of six feet from any traffic lane.
- Proceed in the direction facing traffic and watch oncoming traffic. Post a safety lookout when you are unable to watch oncoming traffic.
- Do not work within six feet from any traffic lane or on medians.
- Do not work on slippery ground, on slopes greater than approximately 40°, on bridges, in tunnels, or inside culverts.
- Wear safety vests at all times while in the right of way.
- Wear long pants, gloves, hard-soled shoes or boots with ankle support.
- Use Roadside Cleanup bags provided by the Department. Place bags at least six feet from the edge of the traffic lanes and off the paved shoulders. Place bags in locations where they are not obstructing drainage and where Department Maintenance staff can easily see and safely retrieve them. Stack bags together and 100 feet from structures.
- Be very careful when handling any sharp objects. Make sure that ONLY adults pick up glass and the like. Do not handle "Sharps" i.e.: needles. Instead report such findings to your Road Department contact.



Keep Kern Roads Clean is a program of the Kern County Roads Department, Kern County Waste Management Department and the nonprofit organization Community Clean Sweep.



SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP PROJECTS

Safety Guidelines:

- Park your vehicle in a designated area **AWAY** from the road.
- If working near or along the highways, try to face oncoming traffic and stay alert .
- Stay with your team, pace yourselves, take breaks, drink plenty of fluids, and watch your team members for signs of heat stress or fatigue.
- Look before stepping and avoid animal burrows, holes, obstacles, and steep slopes.
- Be alert for snakes, thorny weeds, and biting or stinging insects.
- Do not reach into burrows or holes.
- Observe good lifting techniques, keep your back straight, keep the object you are trying to lift close to your body, let your legs and arms do the work.

Beware of Potential Hazards such as:

- Hazardous materials - dead animals, broken glass, needles, syringes, car batteries, barbed wire, liquid filled drums, sharp edged objects or other household chemicals
- Heavy objects such as tires and appliances – do not try and lift them alone.
- Do not compact, squeeze or overfill bags
- Beer bottles and Milk containers – if they contain liquid, it may be urine
- Be careful not to step or kneel on broken glass
- If you are uncertain, **DO NOT TOUCH IT!!**

What to wear and bring:

- Wear long pants and long sleeve clothing in bright colors
- Wear steel toed shoes if you have them or sturdy closed toed shoes
- Bring your Hat & Sunscreen
- Safety vest or bright colored shirt and work gloves
- Bring any medications you might need such as allergy or asthma medications
- Tools such as grabbers, sticks with nails, shovels, rakes, etc.
- Lots and lots of WATER

BE SAFE!

Remember, when working near a ROAD:

- Be aware of traffic
- **DO NOT** walk on the roadway
- Stay 4-5' off roadway
- Face traffic flow!

