

# UNION GAP ADOPT-A-PARK PROGRAM

The Union Gap Adopt-A-Park Program beautifies our parks, decreases vandalism, improves park safety and security, and increases community pride in our parks. The Adopt-A-Park Program also helps educate the public about the financial challenges facing the city and offers a real opportunity for individuals and community organizations to assist the effort to improve our parks. The city recognizes that this program cannot be successful without dedicated citizens who donate their time in an effort to make a real difference in our city. The city encourages individuals and organizations to become involved in the care and maintenance of our parks and commits to publicly recognizing these individuals and organizations for their contribution to our city.

## Program Information and Policies

1. Adopt-A-Park Program participation requires a serious commitment of time and effort. The city encourages broad participation so that work can be shared. Participants are asked to make a one year commitment to the Adopt-A-Park Program.
2. Adopt-A-Park Program activities are year-round. Monitoring of the park should be done on a regular basis, usually once a week. Other activities may be scheduled as your time and abilities permit.
3. Adopt-A-Park Program participants are encouraged to suggest ideas for long-term improvements from which their adopted park might benefit. However, prior authorization from the city must be obtained before any new improvement project begins.
4. Adopt-A-Park Program participants are asked to only perform activities that they can physically handle and safely perform. However, even if all you can do is monitor your adopted park for safety or security concerns you are still playing an important and valuable role in keeping our park experience a positive one for all park users.
5. Adopt-A-Park Program activities are for people of all ages, however, children must have written parent/guardian permission to participate in this program and must be supervised at all times.
6. Adopt-A-Park Program activities must be performed during daylight hours only and during appropriate weather conditions. Please be aware of your surroundings to ensure your safety and the safety of others. Use caution and wear gloves while handling or collecting litter and debris. Do not crush collected items as broken or jagged objects may cause injury.
7. Adopt-A-Park Program participants are given reflective vests by the city and are asked to wear these vests at all times during Adopt-A-Park Program activities for their own safety.

## Adopt-A- Park Suggested Activities

- Monitor and report safety or security concerns
- Pick up litter and debris
- Sweep
- Rake leaves
- Spring and fall clean-up
- Plant, water, and weed gardens in locations approved by the city
- Empty barbecue grills
- Other activities as approved by the city

*I understand the duties of Adopt-A-Park Program participants as described. My participation in the Adopt-A-Park program is voluntary and at my own risk. I agree to release and discharge the City of Union Gap, all of its officials, agents, and employees from any and all liability for damages or injuries that I may suffer as a result of my participation in the Adopt-A-Park Program and I shall save and hold harmless all of the parties named above against any actions, causes or claims for the same.*

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian (for participants under 18)	Child's Name (please print clearly)	Date
Signature of Adult Participant	Adult's Name (please print clearly)	Date
Address	Phone	Name of adopted park

The City would like to publicly recognize our great Adopt-A-Park Program Participants. May we use your name on our website as a participant in the Adopt-A-Park Program?     yes     no

*"I wear my vest with pride!"*