



## Safety Rules

The safety of participants who remove litter from alongside roads is the top priority! Participants must comply with the following Safety Rules. The below list is not all-inclusive and is not a substitute for common sense.

**Alcoholic beverages and drugs are prohibited. Any participant who is under or suspected of being under the influence of alcohol or drugs shall leave the area immediately!**

**Clothing:** Participants must wear a high visibility vest or high visibility clothing with appropriate protective clothing and footwear for protection from physical hazards and seasonal weather conditions. Work shall occur during daylight only. Each participant shall wear gloves while removing litter.

**Working near Vehicle Traffic:** All Participant Groups shall pick up litter on the same side of the road at any given time and shall not work during times of heavy traffic, including heavy traffic due to a ferry loading or unloading. Be prepared for any unexpected behavior of motorists. Never assume a driver sees you. Participants shall walk and work in a direction conducive to their safety. On narrow roadsides, participants shall walk and work in the direction facing oncoming traffic. Participants should work in view of at least one other person at all times. Do not stand or jump on guardrails, drainage pipes, benches, or concrete walls. Avoid all horseplay or demonstrations of any nature. Do not distract drivers. Avoid overexertion and heat-related problems by drinking water and taking breaks.

**Signs and cones:** When possible, place signs or cones to alert motorists that you/your group is present. Signs or cones shall be placed facing traffic at the start of the section of roadway being cleaned. Signs shall be taken down or turned around if your group is on an extended break or lunch.

**Accident and Incidents:** At least one participant in each group will carry a cell phone capable of contacting emergency services, and a basic first aid kit. Report to the appropriate law enforcement agency immediately all incidents that normally require notification. Information and documentation of all accidents and/or incidents shall be reported on the first business day after the occurrence to the Plastic Free Salish Sea contact (contact info at [plasticfreesalishsea.org](http://plasticfreesalishsea.org)).

**Infection Control:** Participants shall wear gloves while participating, wash hands after participating and before eating, and avoid contamination of eyes, open cuts, scratches, sores, and rashes. Contamination sources may include, among other things, disposable diapers, hypodermic needles, spoiled food, and dead animals. All bio-hazardous materials, including medical wastes, diapers, spoiled food, and dead animals, shall be left untouched and in place. Participants will notify the Plastic Free Salish Sea contact of any found public health hazards.

**Hazardous Substances:** Items that are suspected of containing hazardous chemicals shall be left untouched and in place and reported to the County if found outside of Town, to the Town Refuse Department if found inside the Town limits, or the proper authorities as soon as possible (Key words: CAUTION, WARNING, and DANGER).

**Collection of Litter:** Litter bags shall be filled to capacity, taking care not to overload them. A completely filled bag can weigh between 5 and 30 pounds depending on the type and density of the materials. All litter collected on San Juan Island will be taken to the transfer station off Sutton Road. Under no circumstances will collected litter be placed in Town-owned trash or recycling receptacles, including those on public streets.

**Other Rules:** The use of personal music electronic devices with headphones is prohibited. Participants shall be mentally alert and physically prepared for uneven ground, slippery and unstable slopes, and for climbing and descending gradual slopes. Climbing steep slopes or grades is prohibited. Participants shall stay well clear of maintenance and/or construction projects. Litter pick up in and around tunnel areas or on or under bridges is prohibited. Litter pick up shall be suspended during hazardous weather conditions or when poor lighting conditions exist. Participants under the age of 18 shall notify a parent/guardian of their working location, if not accompanied by an adult participant on-site.



## REGISTRATION & RELEASE FORM

*To be signed by all participants on an annual basis*

Name of participant		Date of Birth	
Address	City	Zip	Telephone Number
Email address			
Person to notify in case of emergency		Relationship	
Address	City	Zip	Telephone Number

The Adopt-A-Road event is for participants who donate their time to help keep San Juan County public road rights-of-way clean and clear of debris. The event takes place on public rights-of-way (not private roads) in the unincorporated areas of the County and in the Town of Friday Harbor.

### **WARNING! Please Read Carefully!**

Participants are informed and acknowledge that working adjacent to a roadway is a **DANGEROUS ACTIVITY**. Risks associated with this activity include, but are not limited to, serious injury or death. Participants are further advised that the risk of harm is present even if all safety precautions are followed.

Participants must review the road **Safety Rules** prior to participating in any cleanup activity and shall obey the **Safety Rules** at all times!

**PHOTO RELEASE:** \_\_\_\_\_(initials) I hereby grant San Juan County and other event partners the irrevocable and unrestricted right to use and publish photographs of me, or in which I may be included for this litter cleanup event. I hereby release any photographer and their legal representatives from all claims and liability relating to any such photographs.

**No individuals under the age of 15 are allowed to participate alongside roads or Town streets. Instead, they can participate in the beach cleanup efforts (see the Beach Participant Registration & Release form instead).**

By signature below, I verify that I am a volunteer, 15 years of age or older, and have read and agree to follow the road **Safety Rules** provided with this registration and release form. I have viewed the Adopt-A-Road Volunteer Safety Training Video found on the Plastic Free Salish Sea website, <http://plasticfreesalishsea.org/>. I am participating at my own discretion and not under the supervision of San Juan County or the Town of Friday Harbor. I agree to exercise due care in performing activities under this program.

Furthermore, I understand the responsibilities, risks, and privileges associated with participation in the Great Islands Cleanup event and working within the public road right-of way. I understand that participation in this program is voluntary, and I agree to accept the risks connected with this activity. I agree on behalf of myself and my heirs and assigns to release and hold harmless San Juan County and the Town of Friday Harbor, and their agents, employees, contractors, and officials from liability for damages, including injury or death, arising out of or resulting from my participation in this program.

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**Signature of Participant**

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**Date**

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**Parent/Guardian Signature, for participant under 18**

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**Date**