



Keep **Bakersfield** Beautiful

Safe Litter Removal On Highways and City Streets In and Around The City of Bakersfield

TEAM LEADERS MUST HOLD A SAFETY MEETING PRIOR TO BEGINNING WORK!

I SAFETY AROUND TRAFFIC

- A. Carpool as much as possible to reduce vehicles along the highway/streets.
- B. Park all vehicles in a safe place, off the highway and paved shoulders.
- C. Do NOT walk on or pick up litter from paved portion of highways, paved shoulders, or freeway medians.
- D. Face oncoming traffic as much as possible. Do not attempt to direct traffic.
- E. Do not walk across ramps or traffic lane. Use crosswalks where available.
- F. Wear your safety gear.
- G. Work in groups no larger than 2-4 people, watching out for each other, especially the young participants. Please do not horseplay.
- H. Think about an escape route. If a vehicle enters your work area, where would you go?
- I. For groups on state highways, participants must be 16 years of age or older.

II PICKING UP LITTER

- A. Fill bags about 2/3 full (avg.), depending on weight.
- B. Tie bags to keep trash from blowing out.
- C. Wear long pants and sturdy shoes.
- D. Do not put sharp objects in bags, i.e. broken glass, pieces of steel etc. that could puncture the bag and cause injury.
- E. Do not put large heavy objects in bags.
- F. Do not pick up hazardous materials such as chemical containers or hypodermic needles. Mark their location and notify Caltrans, City Police Department, or California Highway Patrol.
- G. Try to put filled bags in locations where Caltrans or City employees can pick them up, at least 6 feet from traffic lanes. Group the bags and larger items as much as possible.

III PERSONAL SAFETY

- A. Wear sunscreen to prevent sunburn.
- B. Drink lots of water to prevent dehydration.
- C. Wear gloves to protect your hands.