

Litter Patrol

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ODOT requires litter patrol twice a year in order for us to remain in good standing. We have found that doing it once in the spring after the snow is gone and once in the fall before the snow accumulates works well.

1. Decide on the date for the patrol and put the appropriate notice in the Bulletin by the first of the month preceding the month of the patrol. You can patrol on a week day or a weekend day. Call members who have previously volunteered if there are too few volunteers signed up.
2. A few days before the day of the patrol, call ODOT at 503-986-5776. Tell whoever is assigned that you will be out at such and such a time on such and such a day to pick up the materials. The person assigned to work with us and the correct phone number changes, but if you call the number above, they will get you to the right person. Pick up no less than 12 yellow bags and safety vests for the number of patrol members you have, including yourself. You will also be given two signs to place, one at the 58 mile marker and the other at mile marker 60. Pick up is at Bldg. P, 885 Airport Rd. S.E. in Salem, Oregon.
3. ODOT has a signup sheet that incorporates a release form. Each patrol member must sign this form and the Chemeketa Trip sign-up form. Keep sign up sheets for your records.
4. Too many workers is as big a problem as too few. We have six grabbers with which to pick up litter and that is a good number of people to have. Members bring their own gloves.
5. Process: There are several ways to proceed with the pick-up, but three people starting from the mile post 58 and proceeding south on both sides of the road for one mile to mile post 59, while the other group starts at mile post 60 and proceeds north to mile post 59 works well. This makes for a shorter working time for both groups, particularly if it is raining. Assuming you have two cars, one can be left at each end of the work area. Filled bags are left beside the highway. Hub caps and large items are put next to the bags. Items too large to move are marked with a flag provided by ODOT. Lunch is usually at the Whispering Falls campground which has a picnic table and restroom available.
6. The day after the patrol, you return the borrowed materials and form to ODOT.
7. A letter with the mileage driven goes to the club Treasurer because litter patrol drivers get reimbursed for their mileage. The WE WERE THERE form is completed and the patrol chair retains the list of participants.
8. Prepare three copies of the Litter Patrol report for the Annual meeting. Include statistics and any comments, suggestions for changes, problems encountered regarding this activity.

9. Give an oral report at the Annual meeting summarizing this information.