Bag It, Move It, or Leave It?
Adopt-A-Highway Instructions for Handling Roadside Litter

BAG IT
1. These items may be placed in a bag.
   A. Small items made of paper, cardboard, plastic, styrofoam, wood, rubber, glass, or metal provided that the item does not have sharp edges.
   B. Small, empty containers provided that the item does not have sharp edges.
   Adopt-A-Highway volunteers are encouraged to recycle.

MOVE IT
1. These items should be placed alongside your tied bags.
   A. Items with dull, pointed edges that might tear a bag.
   B. Large items that would prevent a bag from being properly tied closed.
   C. Heavy items that could tear a bag, provided that the item can be moved without causing physical injury.
   D. Containers that are not empty if the contents won’t spill when moved and you can identify the product as one that is not hazardous. If you suspect that an item contains urine, do not move it.
   If in doubt, leave the item alone.

LEAVE IT
1. These items should be left where found without taking further action.
   A. Sharp, large, or heavy items that could cause physical injury if moved.
   B. Any item in an unsafe location (near traffic lanes, on unstable ground, etc.)
2. Report these items to your local ITD representative listed on the blue phone sheet provided in the Adopt-A-Highway packet. If you are unable to speak directly to an ITD employee, please leave a voice message.
   A. Items you are not permitted to bag or move that will not be easily visible to the ITD crew collecting your tied bags.
   B. Securely closed items containing hazardous substances. *
3. Keep a safe distance away from the following items and do not disturb them in any way. Report these items to your local ITD representative listed on the blue phone sheet provided in the Adopt-A-Highway packet.
   A. Any item that you cannot identify and suspect may be hazardous.
   B. Unclosed or leaking items containing hazardous substances. *
   C. Items with hazardous material labels.*
   D. Items that could pose an immediate danger. *

*See back for examples
If you find any of the following items, please call your local district maintenance shed. Shed locations and telephone numbers are listed on the blue reference sheet titled “District Adopt-A-Highway Coordinators & Maintenance Sheds”. The sheet is included in the Adopt-A-Highway information/application packet and was provided to your group contact.

Item

Miscellaneous Items
Any item that you cannot identify and suspect may be hazardous.

Hazardous Substances
Spills of liquid or powdery substances
Fuels
Motor oils, petroleum products
Antifreeze
Batteries
Paints
Human urine, feces, bloody waste
Syringes

Extremely Hazardous Items
Explosives
Weapons, unspent ammunition
Items with hazardous material labels (see examples below)
Unlabeled medicines
Possible drug paraphernalia

Methamphetamine drug lab waste can be found in many shapes and forms. Propane cylinders from grills are used to transport anhydrous ammonia. This ammonia can burn your skin and cause severe respiratory damage. Other lab waste could include medicine boxes, pill residue (putty looking substance pink to red in color), respirator masks, rubber gloves, rubber hosing and clamps, pyrex glass, corning containers and other containers with rubber hoses attached.

EXAMPLES OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS LABELS