

Adopt-A-Park Application Process



Process

Upon receiving the adoption application, a Tempe Parks Services representative will schedule time with the organization's representative to discuss the city's Adopt-A-Park program. The program involves a significant amount of outdoor physical work that must be done safely on a reasonable frequency for the committed time period.

Parks may be adopted in timeframes of 12 months or 24 months (with a minimum of 1 event every 3 months unless more sessions are requested by the city; i.e., Pesticide-Free Parks). To prevent scheduling conflicts, it is required that the organization provide 2 weeks' notice of event date.

The organization representative will be required to submit an Adopt-A-Park Application on behalf of the organization. Should the organization fail to maintain their commitment, the city may sever the relationship between the park and the organization and allow the park to be adopted by another organization.

A group of community members, such as neighborhood groups, non-profit organizations and local businesses may all participate. One adult (at least 21 years old) is required to be on site for every ten participants under the age of 18.

Training will be provided by Tempe Parks staff within two weeks of the first scheduled clean-up event. Organizations are required to provide **their own tools** for the projects (i.e. gloves, shovels, brooms, rakes, etc.).

Duties

Duties of the participating organization often include:

- Picking up trash and litter
- Raking leaves, pulling weeds and cleaning playground surfacing
- Cleaning playground equipment
- Sweeping hard surfaces (i.e. basketball courts, sidewalks, ramadas, etc.)
- Reporting any vandalism, dirty restrooms, unsafe conditions and/or necessary repairs
- Special projects that may be assigned by parks and recreation staff

Benefits

Benefits of Adopting a Park include:

- Makes a positive difference in the community
- Serves as a team-building exercise for the organization
- City recognition of the adoptive group

Applications to the Adopt-A-Park Program are accepted year-round. For any additional information regarding the Adopt-A-Park Program, call or email Gabriel Sabori at 480-350-8636 or gabriel_sabori@tempe.gov.