



ADOPT A FLOWER BED APPLICATION - 2024

CONTACT INFORMATION

CONTACT NAME (first, last): _____ DATE: _____

GROUP? Yes No Yes, Group Name: _____

Number of Volunteers in Group: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE #: _____ CONTACT PREFERENCE: Call Text

EMAIL: _____

NAME ON FLOWERBED SIGN: _____

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Have you previously adopted a flower bed? Yes No If Yes, how long? _____

Do you have experience gardening? Yes No

Are you available all summer to maintain the flower bed? Yes No

Dates Unavailable: _____

Would you like to participate in our OPTIONAL flower bed contest? Yes No

Preferred Flowerbed Location? Yes No

If Yes, Location: 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

Adopter agrees to follow all instructions of the designated volunteer project coordinator. Adopter agrees to maintain flower bed throughout the summer by planting, weeding, and deadheading the flowers at least once a week or as needed. If for any reason adopter cannot keep commitment to maintaining flowerbed, they will notify the Park's Department immediately before flowerbed is covered in weeds and plants are dying. The City of Marion does reserve the right to take over maintenance of the flowerbed at any time.

SIGN: _____

DATE: _____



VOLUNTEER GUIDELINES

Thank you so much for your interest in helping beautify your city! You are making a huge impact and helping your city Reach Higher! Thank you!!! Before you get started volunteering, we have a few things you should know:

1. Have Fun! Volunteering is a great way to meet new people and have a new experience, this shouldn't feel like work.
2. All volunteers, whether you are a group, parent, child, or business, need to sign a volunteer waiver. We have an individual waiver or a group waiver to meet your needs.
3. Stay Safe! When volunteering please be safe. This means:
 - a. Know your own physical limits and don't push yourself so hard you hurt yourself.
 - b. Practice safe lifting (Remember - bend at the knees, not the back).
 - c. Do NOT touch or pickup anything dangerous. This includes, but is not limited to, weapons, needles, sharp and/or heavy objects, etc. We ask that if you do come across something like this you notify a City Employee or the proper authorities (when involving a weapon).
 - d. Do NOT engage with anyone or wildlife you feel might be dangerous.
4. Volunteers are not permitted to volunteer if they are under the influence of drugs, alcohol or any such substance that would impair their judgement or ability to volunteer.
5. Volunteers are NOT permitted to volunteer if they are registered sex offenders, been convicted of a crime involving theft, and/or violent crimes to animals or people.
6. Be courteous and friendly to other volunteers and park users. You represent your city, make it shine. If you do have an issue with someone, please walk away and either notify the volunteer coordinator or the proper authorities if needed.
7. Come Prepared! You are responsible for bringing the items you may need to have a successful volunteer experience. We recommend:
 - a. Layered clothing
 - b. Sunscreen
 - c. Water
 - d. Snacks
 - e. Gloves
 - f. Hat
8. Make it count twice! We request all volunteers keep track and report their time volunteering to the volunteer coordinator. We in turn can use these hours to help with acquiring grants for bigger projects in the parks. So, you are giving back twice when you keep track and report!
9. Minors: Anyone under the age of 14 will need to have a parent, guardian, or assigned leader present.
10. Document & Share! Please take pictures and email to mweber@cityofmarion.org. We love to share your good work and let our city know how you are making a difference!