

# Bag It, Move it, or Leave It?

Adopt-A-Highway Instructions for Handling Roadside Litter

## **BAGIT**

- 1. These items may be placed in a bag.
  - A. Small items made of paper, cardboard, plastic, styrofoam, wood, rubber, glass, or metal provided the item does not have sharp edges.
  - B. Small, empty containers provided 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 MDT representative listed on the area coordinator list provided in the Adopt-A-Highway packet. If you are unable to speak directly to an MDT employee, please leave a voice message.
  - A. Items you are not permitted to bag or move that will not be easily visible to the MDT 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 MDT representative listed on the area coordinator list 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. \*

For more information about adopting a section of highway contact Lynn Miller at 406-444-6375.

<sup>\*</sup>See back for examples

<sup>\*\*</sup>After business hours, on weekends or holidays report items by calling your local Law enforcement authority.

If you find any of the following items, please call your local district maintenance shop. Shop locations and telephone numbers are listed on the Adopt-A-Highway sheet titled "Area Coordinator List". 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

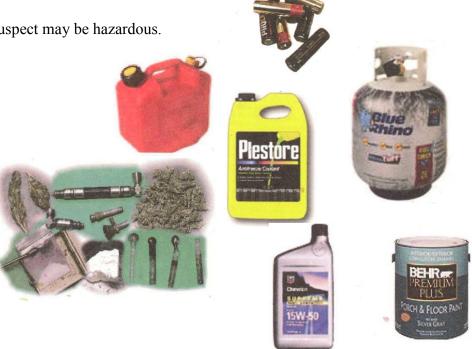
Syringes

# **Extremely Hazardous Items**

**Explosives** 

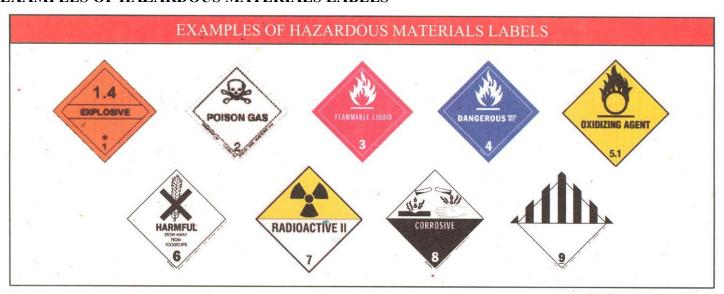
Weapons, unspent ammunition
Items with hazardous material labels
(see examples below)
Unlabeled medicines

Possible drug paraphernalia\*\*



<sup>\*\*</sup> 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**



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