

The Adopt-a-Park Program

Get involved in Brampton Clean City Committee's Adopt-a-Park program, and be a part of the preservation and enhancement of the City of Brampton's parks system. Volunteer on your own, or with your family, neighbours, community group, or business to donate time and resources to take special care of a City park. Adopt-a-Park volunteers contribute to the quality of life for everyone in Brampton by helping to maintain, beautify, enhance, and keep the parks safe for all to enjoy.

Benefits to the Adopt-a-Park Partner

- As an adopt-a-park partner, you will have the opportunity to donate services to the community and enjoy the results of your hard work. Your contribution will create a better environment for yourself and your neighbours, and increase community pride.
- Adopting groups are recognized on a prominently displayed park sign.
- Enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that you are making a difference in the beauty of your community, health of the environment and the sense of community pride.
- Being an Adopt-A-Park partner keeps you active and outdoors, gaining the many health benefits of an active lifestyle.

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Adopt a Park Today!

If you have any questions, or to obtain your Adopt-a-Park application, please check our website, or contact the Brampton Clean City office:

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Join Brampton's Adopt-a-Park

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How it Works

Interested groups contact the Clean City office to select a park, and commit to help maintain it for a minimum of two years. Within those two years, these groups perform cleanups, events, environmental stewardship projects or community development initiatives a minimum of 3 times per adopted year, (six activities over a two-year adoption period) scheduled through Brampton Clean City.

Activities can include, but are not limited to, such things as:

- Litter cleanups
- Environmental education workshops and programs
- Youth Park Stewardship events and programs
- Park and community watch safety programs
- Community development projects like creating community gardens or planting trees
- Host community events like Spring & Harvest Cleanups, or a 'Playground Environmental Play-Day'
- Report vandalism
- Sponsor a 'Youth Park Stewardship' event (a cleanup event or maintenance activity for youth to earn community service hours in their community)
- Native flower and bulb planting
- A naturalization project
- Host a Brampton Clean City environmental education program, workshop or presentation in the park
- Host a community lawn or garden workshop in the park

Brampton Clean City will provide support for each group during the adopted period and coordinate "onsite" staff support when needed (Please note: staff assistance, materials and equipment are subject to availability). The City of Brampton will continue to provide regular maintenance to each group's adopted area, but with your help we can accomplish more.

Why Adopt-a-Park?

Your commitment to the community is crucial in keeping our park system clean, safe and beautiful. As a special 'thank you', the City of Brampton will acknowledge your commitment and dedication with an official Adopt-a-Park Partner Sign, as well as a Certificate of Park Adoption, and a Certificate of Appreciation upon fulfillment and completion of your two-year commitment period.

By becoming an Adopt-a-Park Partner you can:

- Help beautify parks and community
- Gain a sense of community and park pride
- Help preserve natural resources
- Enjoy the benefits of outdoor activity
- Help reduce crime and vandalism
- Lead by example
- Meet new people
- Help in recruiting more groups to participate
- Contribute to the "Quality of Life" in Brampton
- Help build a better tomorrow

Eligible Sites

The City of Brampton parks system includes over 400 parks. Any park recognized by the City as a City of Brampton park or community centre is eligible to be "adopted". If you need assistance in selecting a site, please contact the Brampton Clean City office and we'll be happy to work with you to identify the perfect match!

What Will It Cost?

All that is required is your time. However, you may wish to further your involvement by raising funds to plant trees, purchase equipment, improve facilities, or other initiatives to beautify your adopted park.

Sponsorship Initiatives

Brampton Clean City recruits 'sponsors' that support the Adopt-a-Park Program, with contributions of \$150 per year, per park, or whatever yearly amount sponsors wish to donate. These funds are used to obtain supplies and materials used by the adopter.

How Much Involvement is Required?

Adopt-a-Park partners must be active at least three times per year (six activities over the course of the two-year adoption period) in order for their park adoption to remain valid. Beyond that, however, your level of involvement is up to you.

In addition to organizing any or all of the activities listed under "How it Works," your group may act as a goodwill ambassador, teaching others to respect and safeguard their neighbourhood park.

Each year, the Brampton Clean City office coordinates the cleanup of parks during the months of April and October – the Spring & Harvest Cleanup events. Adopt-a-Park partners are encouraged to contact Brampton Clean City to see how they can get involved.

