

The Theodore Roosevelt Expressway Association (TRE) is organizing its second annual clean-up week along the US Highway 85 in western North Dakota. **US 85 Clean-up week is scheduled for April 30- May 6 2017**. The event is an effort to pick up trash along the US 85 corridor and to promote a litter free roadway. In order to get this project done, many volunteers will be needed. Those interested in volunteering for clean-up week along US 85 should contact Cal Klewin, TRE Executive Director, at 701-523-6171 or email him at [cal@trexpressway.com](mailto:cal@trexpressway.com).

**N.D. Legislature passed HB 1311 and signed by Governor Burgum to increase the highway litter fines to \$500.00, In force August 1, 2017**

**If litter amounts to more than one cubic foot in volume or consisted of furniture or a major appliance, the offense is a class B misdemeanor. Maximum penalty of 30 days' imprisonment, a fine of \$1,500, or both, may be imposed.**

Communities across North Dakota are encouraged to conduct local litter clean-up activities during Clean-Up week April 30- May 6. This designated week is an opportunity for communities to beautify roadways and parks for area residents and visitors.

The North Dakota Department of Transportation again will provide trash bags for the volunteers along with safety vests and also will patrol U.S. 85 April 30-May 6 and pick up the collected litter.

This clean-up effort is in addition to other litter control programs already in place.

In addition to this beautification project here are some tips for litter prevention:

**Pickups; blowout is common, buckets, Ice bags, plastic sacks, plastic bottles, feed and mineral bags, twine and net rap are often found on Highway right away**

**Retail; such as convenience stores beware of surroundings trash often get's away and ends up on Highway right away.**

1. Set an example for others by not littering.
2. Keep a litter bag in your car and hang on to litter until you find a garbage receptacle
3. Large or heavy items should be firmly secured with solid straps, rope, bungee cords or netting. Tie large items directly to your vehicle.
4. Cover loose, lighter items such as tree clippings with a sturdy plastic or canvas tarp or netting. Tie the tarp securely to the vehicle, or it might become road debris as well.

5. Put lighter weight things at the bottom of the load and make sure they are secure. Evenly distribute the load to prevent it from sliding.
6. Keep material level with truck bed or trailer unless tied down, netted or tarped. Materials below the truck bed should also be secured if there's any chance of them blowing out or falling from the vehicle.
7. Double check your load if possible to make sure it is secure at the back and on the sides and top. Remember that loads can move and settle during a journey, allowing restraints to loosen.
8. If you see litter pick it up if possible.

Thanks for your consideration and help with this project.

*Cal Klewin*