

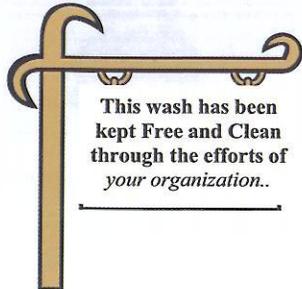
## Safety of Volunteers

*The safety of our volunteers is our number one priority.*

*We will work with you to ensure that you receive all the necessary training and equipment before you arrive at any site.*

*We will provide you with a specific set of safety guidelines that will help you to successfully complete the program, and the Oro Valley staff will be available to help guide you throughout the process.*

**By working together, we can keep Oro Valley clean and beautiful, with clean and free-flowing washes.**



## ADOPT-A-WASH PROGRAM

Funded by a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality as part of ADEQ's implementation of requirements for communities with less than 100,000 residents to improve the quality of stormwater runoff.

For additional information:  
Contact Operations and Stormwater Division  
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**ORO VALLEY—  
FREE AND CLEAN**



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## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

We all know about the numerous washes and dry riverbeds that run throughout Oro Valley. Some are quite large—like the Cañada del Oro Wash—and some are only small tributaries through our neighborhoods.

We also know that these washes are not really dry at all—that they can run with water after a rainstorm or even after human events like washing a car or irrigating a back yard.

The Town of Oro Valley has established a program to help to keep our washes running freely and cleanly throughout the year.

The goals of the program are:

- To improve the flow of water by removing debris
- To reduce or eliminate harmful contaminants that may seep into our groundwater supply
- To provide educational opportunities for schools and civic organizations to learn more about the desert environment
- To maintain civic pride by taking responsibility as well as credit for keep our washes clean and free-flowing

## How can we get involved?

If you are interested in participating in the Oro Valley Free and Clean program, you should contact the Adopt-A-Wash Coordinator at 229-5070.

Groups might include:

- Scouts
- Neighborhood associations
- Youth clubs
- Special interest clubs (e.g., environmental)
- Families
- Schools
- Private businesses



You will receive a full briefing from our Coordinator regarding the program and the requirements. Your commitment will combine both physical work along with the satisfaction that comes from knowing that you have improved Oro Valley's environment.

## How are washes chosen?

The Coordinator has a list of washes to which the Town has been given permanent access. You may choose a portion of a wash or an entire wash.

## What do we do once you've selected a wash?

You will:

- Complete at least two cleanups and channel condition checks throughout the year.
- Obtain participant signatures on a

waiver form and return the form to the Coordinator.

- Pick up free safety vests, trash bags and other equipment as well as a map of your wash.
- Once you've attended to your wash, you'll return all of your supplies along with a brief report the Town.
- And, of course, you will maintain a safe working environment during your cleanup and condition checks.

## What will the Town of Oro Valley do?

- The Town will help you select a wash
- We will provide all of the safety equipment and training
- We'll dispose of all of the debris that is picked up from the wash
- We will erect signs that publicly recognize the organizations that have helped to keep the washes free and clean.



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