



**WASTE MANAGEMENT  
& RECYCLING**

# ADOPT-A-BLOCK

**ADOPT-A-BLOCK** is a program dedicated to improving the quality of life and revitalizing the economy through nuisance abatement activities and events that bring Barstow neighborhoods together. This program provides individuals, groups of residents and local organizations with the opportunity to volunteer and take responsibility for enhancing our community—one block at a time.

**OUR VISION** for the Adopt-A-Block program is to empower diverse individuals within our community to successfully improve the quality of life in the City of Barstow building-by-building and block-by-block. We want to recruit and organize community neighbors to create activities that promote safety, culture, social harmony, and economic viability.

**Adopt-A-Block activities may include the following:**

- Clean up efforts to beautify a neighborhood block
- Helping someone remove graffiti
- Picking up trash and debris
- Handing out educational materials about city solid waste and recycling programs
- Lending a hand to those in need
- Conducting other activities designed to bring neighbors together to better our community

The city will assist the applicant in obtaining a roll-off dumpster provided by the hauler, arranging for waiver of tipping fees at the landfill, and coordinating blocks to be adopted. This is essentially a **FREE** service for the residents of Barstow.

**How to get started:**

Interested individuals, groups and organizations should complete an application / certification form which defines the terms and conditions for the adoption. Each adoption is unique. Groups and organizations committing to the program generally agree to:

- Adopt a portion of a designated block that is a minimum of 200 linear feet
- Provide at least two adult supervisors for every ten youth volunteers (under age 18)
- Commit for a one-year period, conducting periodic cleanup activities throughout the year.

