**Agencies plan clean-up week on North Dakota’s US 85 in April**

In order to keep North Dakota beautiful, the Theodore Roosevelt Expressway Association (TRE) is partnering with a number of agencies across the state to conduct a clean-up of the US 85 in western North Dakota. The agencies plan to hold a *US 85 Clean-up Week* from April 25 through April 30. This event is an effort to pick up trash along the corridor and to promote a litter free roadway. In order to get this project done, many volunteers will be needed.

Our Corridor partners to date Including the **North Dakota Dept. of Transportation** are listed below;

City of Williston, City of Bowman/Bowman County Co.

City of Belfield, Watford City, North Dakota Petroleum Council, Vision West

N.D. League of Cities, North Dakota Motor Carriers, N.D. Retailers Assn./Pending/Meeting

N.D. Association of General Contractors, Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation

North Dakota Association of Oil and Gas Producing Counties, North Dakota Tourism

McKenzie County Tourism, Western North Dakota Lions Clubs

Those interested in volunteering for clean-up week should contact Cal Klewin, TREA Executive Director, at 701-523-6171 or email him at cal@trexpressway.com.

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:

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.

In North Dakota it’s against the law to litter and if caught you could get a minimum fine of $100. 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.