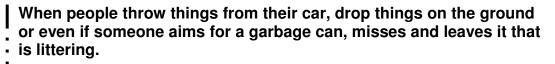






The cigarette butts, soda cans, coffee cups, beer bottles, plastic bags, gum wrappers and various other items you may see along side a road, blown up against a fence or swirling around an empty lot.





When litter is on sidewalks or along curbs, it may get washed down in to storm drains during a heavy rain. Eventually this water leads to the nearest river or ocean. If the water becomes polluted from litter we can no longer use it for drinking or recreation. Animals may mistake the items of litter floating in the water as food and could choke on them or they may get entangled in it.

Litter can be very dirty. Not only does it not look nice but, it may carry germs. Some animals are attracted to areas with lots of litter. They find their food among the trash and can pick up the germs and become carriers for diseases that may make people sick.

Litter is bad for the environment. It wastes our natural resources. When cans and bottles are discarded on the roadside instead of being recycled, more resources must be used to create cans and bottles from new materials.

## What can you do?

- The first solution to littering is to always make sure you properly dispose of your garbage.
- Recycle all that can be recycled and put all other garbage in the proper containers.
- If you see a friend throwing something on the ground, ask them nicely to put in the trash receptacle instead of on the ground.
- If you see a piece of litter, pick it up and throw it away. But remember, never to touch anything that your not sure of-it may be sharp or be a hazardous material.

Keeping It Litter Free... It means helping people understand why littering is so bad.