



Litter and the 3Rs

Environmental protection begins in your own backyard

What is litter?

Litter is garbage or trash that has been left on the ground, sidewalk, roadside or in the water. Litter can be anything, including paper, wrappers, cans, or plastic bottles.



What's a litterbug?

A litterbug refers to someone who litters.



How does litter happen?

Litter may be thrown on the ground or thrown from a vehicle. It may be dumped in the woods or it may blow out of a truck bed without the driver even knowing.

What's bad about litter?

Litter hurts the appearance of our environment — the land, water and air we enjoy. It destroys the beauty of our community and the places we like to visit, like parks and lakes. Litter can be dangerous to pets or wild animals that try to eat it.



What does litter say about us?

If you visit a town and see litter on the roadside or in a park, what do you think about that town? Would you want to live there?

You wouldn't throw a gum wrapper on your living room floor, would you? But some people think if the place doesn't belong to them, it's okay to litter. It's not okay to litter, anywhere.

Don't litter. Instead, remember the 3Rs...reduce, reuse, recycle.

It's better to throw litter into a wastebasket or garbage can. But some waste can be recycled. Find ways to **recycle** items like newspaper, aluminum cans, glass jars and plastic bottles in your community.

Reuse items. Use both sides of your writing paper. Use up all of your school supplies before you get new ones. Sell, donate or share your old clothes and toys.

And don't be so quick to throw things away. Find new uses for jars, boxes and other household items. **Reduce** your household waste.

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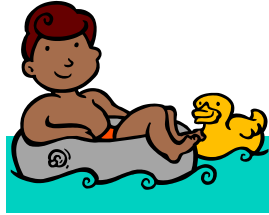


How Can I Reduce Litter?

First, don't litter! Dispose of your trash in a waste basket or garbage can, or reduce, reuse or recycle it. Keep your yard, your school, your community and your roadways clean.

Second, pick up litter when you see it. A family or club can even work together to pick up litter.

Third, remind others to not litter. In Arkansas, littering is against the law.



Draw a picture of yourself enjoying the clean outdoor environment you have helped create.

