

Little Litter Adds Up - Put Waste in Its Place

It's easy to notice when large amounts of litter piles up in our environment. It's harder to notice, but just as important, when little amounts of litter end up in our environment. These small wrappers, cigarette butts, and other trash can have a significant impact on local waterways.

About 80 percent of our waterways are littered with trash that was dropped on land.* This is because wind, rain, traffic, and animals can move litter into gutters. Debris may then flow to storm drains and into local waterways where it can harm local aquatic life (including plants and fish) and water quality.



What can you do?

- Remember that litter invites more litter. Once litter accumulates, people are more likely to keep littering.* Take the first step to help our environment and put waste in its place.
- If you see litter on the ground, pick it up! Every piece of waste put in its place is one less piece that can make its way to our beautiful rivers and streams.
- Secure the little litter in your car. Keep a bag for garbage inside your car and make sure any trash you're hauling is secured. Look over your truck bed and remove litter that can fly out unnoticed.
- If you smoke, put cigarette butts where they belong. We have some of the best drinking water around so please make sure cigarette butts are thrown away responsibly to help protect our groundwater.
- Get involved. Organize a little litter clean up effort in your neighborhood or business area. Need tools? Reserve our Clean Water Trailer - for FREE! Visit springfieldstreams.org or email us at WaterResources@springfield-or.gov to learn more about partnering to clean up local waterways.

*Information from Keep America Beautiful's "Littering is Wrong Too" campaign.

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Litter on roadways ends up in waterways

Little litter adds up. Do your part to keep our rivers clean and put waste in its place.

