

Texas Waterway Cleanup Program

Litter Facts

What Is Litter?

Litter is misplaced waste and trash. This visible form of pollution can disrupt wildlife, natural ecosystems, human health and safety, and communities.

How Does Litter Affect Texas Waterways?

- Decreases water quality
- Blocks storm drains, which can cause flooding
- Reduces aesthetic appeal and property values
- Can kill thousands of animals when they eat it or become entangled in it
- Damages fishing and recreational boats
- Causes injury to swimmers and bathers
- Costs millions of dollars to remove



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What Can I Do?

- Bring reusable items, instead of disposable, to waterway picnics.
- Dispose of waste properly in trash cans or recycling bins.
- Discourage the release of helium balloons—they often return to water and harm wildlife.
- Cover truck beds—loose items can fly out and create litter.
- Educate others to prevent littering—many items discarded on land end up in waterways.
- Prevent yard clippings or any waste materials from entering sewers—these clog waterways and destroy aquatic habitats.



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