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Why Litter?

Litter is any type of rubbish or trash not placed in a garbage can. Many people throw garbage out the window as they drive. Sometimes people drop trash as they walk. People also litter in our lakes and streams. The ocean even contains litter.

Litter can affect us in many ways. It makes the world messy. It can be dangerous to humans and animals. It represents millions of lost dollars. It is costly to reverse the effects of littering.

Littering can be dangerous. Plastic bags thrown in a lake can smother fish. Metal and glass can cut animals. Some littering can contaminate ground water. It can also cause a vehicle accident.

Litter can be intentional or by accident. Sometimes people throw trash out their window. People throw their garbage in the lake. People pour chemicals on the ground. Litter can fly out someone's car unknowingly.

We can help put a stop to littering. We should always put our trash in the proper place and make sure that our trash is secured properly will help. Obey all litter signs. We should always be a good example for others.