



- Cigarette waste is the most abundant form of litter on the planet.
- Collected cigarette litter weighs in the millions of pounds annually.
- Cigarette filters are not biodegradable; they are made of plastic, not paper and cotton.
- Cigarette litter lingers in our environment up to 25 years.
- Cigarette butts can easily move through our storm drains into our waterways and water supplies.
- Water will leach the toxins from cigarette litter, making it deadly to most aquatic life.

Source: [Clean Virginia Waterways](#)

*For additional information, click on the links below:*

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<http://www.preventcigarettelitter.org/>

**Cigarette Litter.org**

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