



TIPS TO ASSIST BUSINESSES IN ELIMINATING LITTER

Trash Containers

- Place an adequate number of trash containers in parking lots as well as inside and outside of all building entrances.
- Establish a regular schedule for emptying trash containers. Avoid having trash emptied on an 'as needed' basis. This will prevent trash overflows.
- Replace broken, dirty or damaged containers.
- Use only covered trash containers to eliminate trash from spilling or blowing out.

- Establish the expectation that employees will pick up trash anywhere in or around your place of business. Let them know that it is not acceptable to walk past litter.
- Removed trapped litter from fence lines on a regularly scheduled basis.
- Establish smoking areas with appropriate ash receptacles for employees and customers.

- Place only tied bags of trash in outdoor dumpsters. This greatly decreases loose trash from blowing out of the dumpster during collection.
- Call the city's Solid Waste Department when your dumpster is near to overflowing, or if your current level of service is not sufficient. Change or increase scheduled pickups, if necessary.
- Enclose dumpsters with fences or walls to minimize the amount of trash that will blow to other areas of your business or onto city streets and rights-of-way. Remove trash from the enclosure area regularly.

Commit to reducing loose trash from company vehicles by:

- Requiring tarps on any vehicles transporting materials.
- Instructing drivers to pick up any materials that have fallen off of their load.
- Instructing drivers to discard cigarette butts in vehicle ashtrays.
- Adding Trash Bags to Company Vehicles



LITTER PREVENTION: WHAT YOU CAN DO

Here are some examples of what you -- and others -- can do to help prevent litter in your community from [Keep America Beautiful.org](http://KeepAmericaBeautiful.org)

Business Owners

- **Assure easy access to dumpsters by employees and contractors. Check dumpsters daily to see that top and side doors are closed. This prevents scavengers from spreading trash on the ground.**
- **Cover all open loads on trucks leaving your business. Encourage vendors and contractors to do the same.**
- **Provide ash and trash receptacles at entrances, exits, loading docks, picnic areas as well as in parking lots and along walkways of your business. Remember, these should be placed where people generally gather.**

Government Leaders

- **Identify "Transition Points" in your community. Place ash and trash receptacles at these points and commit to proper maintenance of the receptacles.**
- **Encourage building owners and business managers to place ash receptacles at points outdoors where their employees and/or customers smoke.**
- **Distribute portable or pocket ashtrays and litter bags throughout your community, and educate citizens about individual responsibility for proper waste disposal.**
- **Coordinate "adopt-a-spot" programs with local community organizations, youth groups and school groups to augment the regular maintenance of public places by your employees.**

Community Leaders

- Encourage groups to "adopt-a-spot" in your town or neighborhood and encourage maintenance on a regular basis.
- Utilize information from Keep America Beautiful to initiate education programs addressing sustainable community improvement through litter prevention, beautification and waste reduction.

Event Organizers

- Make your festival, fair or any outdoor community events "waste-wise and litter free" by involving all participants in the planning.
- Give out litter bags and portable or pocket ashtrays at the entrances of your event and make sure everyone knows that your event is a "waste-wise and litter free" event.
- Place large trash receptacles and recycling receptacles near food venues and eating areas. Remember, a large event with a large number of attendees should equal large, well-marked receptacles.
- If you place event volunteers nearby to help attendees find the receptacles as they need them, you will reduce clean-up while educating people about recycling and proper waste disposal.

Marina Operators

- Pass out litter bags and portable or pocket ashtrays to boaters and their guests.
- Provide ash, trash, recycling and bulk waste receptacles dockside for your customers.
- Install fishing line collection receptacles with signage to collect broken and used line. Keep fishing line out of the water!
- Offer litter bags, ash receptacles and trash containers in your supply store.

