



Litter...

Is Expensive! The U.S. spends more than \$11.5
\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ billion each year to clean it up.

 **Decreases Property Values** in communities by **MORE THAN 7%**

 **Pollutes Local Waterways** 

Is a **Breeding Ground for Pests** like rats, rodents and insects that spread disease. 

Harms People and Wildlife. 
Animals often mistake it for food and die.

Littering is Illegal...

Law Enforcement: Virginia Code

§ 33.1-346. Dumping trash, companion animals, etc., on highway, right-of-way or private property; penalty.

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to dump or otherwise dispose of trash, garbage, refuse, litter, a companion animal for the purpose of disposal, or other unsightly matter, on public property, including a public highway, right-of-way, property adjacent to such highway or right-of-way, or on private property without the written consent of the owner thereof or his agent.

B. When any person is arrested for a violation of this section, and the matter alleged to have been illegally dumped or disposed of has been ejected from a motor vehicle or transported to the disposal site in a motor vehicle, the arresting officer may comply with the provisions of § 46.2-936 in making such arrest. When a violation of the provisions of this section has been observed by any person, and the matter illegally dumped or disposed of has been ejected or removed from a motor vehicle, the owner or operator of such motor vehicle shall be presumed to be the person ejecting or disposing of such matter. However, such presumption shall be rebuttable by competent evidence.

C. Any person convicted of a violation of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by confinement in jail for not more than 12 months and a fine of not less than \$250 or more than \$2,500, either or both. In lieu of the imposition of confinement in jail, the court may order the defendant to perform a minimum of 10 hours of community service in litter abatement activities.

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PUT TRASH IN ITS PLACE



KEEP A BAG IN YOUR CAR

LEAVE NO BUTTS BEHIND



PICK IT UP! ADOPT-A-SPOT



Remember... *Litter is Preventable*
and you can make a difference!

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