

LITTER AND YOUR TAXES

Local, state and federal governments spend millions of dollars in tax money annually removing litter due to carelessness - money needed for other important services.

The Primary Sources of Litter Are:

- household trash handling and careless placement for collection
- illegal dumping
- dumpsters used by businesses
- loading docks
- construction and demolition sites
- trucks with unsecured loads
- motorists
- pedestrians



Clean It Up, Green It Up
www.coj.net/neighbor/clean.htm
(904) 630-3420



City of Jacksonville
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Keep Florida Beautiful
www.keepflbeautiful.org
1-800-828-9338



Department of
Environmental Protection
www.dep.state.fl.us
(904) 448-4300



PREVENTING Litter



Are you doing
your part to help
keep Jacksonville
beautiful?

Caring citizen volunteers who decide to take action and eliminate litter beautify cities all over the world. *Are you doing your part in Jacksonville?*

You can help by following these litter prevention guidelines, educating others and participating in cleanup activities.

The problem begins with a careless act often originating on private property. Wind, traffic, animals and water can carry it far away from the original source. It moves until it enters our waterways or is trapped by a curb, building, fence or other obstacle. Litter threatens our fragile environment by polluting our waters, degrading wildlife habitats, injuring birds and marine life and adversely impacting the beauty of our natural resources. Litter attracts crime, causes fires and prevents economic development. Littered areas degrade property and business values by indicating a lack of concern and loss of local pride. Water accumulating in litter provides breeding places for disease carrying mosquitoes and litter is unhealthy because it attracts rodents, roaches and flies.



The following tips will help increase understanding about where litter comes from and how you can help keep Jacksonville beautiful by preventing litter .

HELP US HELP YOU

- We can help you organize and plan a **neighborhood cleanup** . Bags, gloves and other materials are available to organized groups. Call *Clean It Up, Green It Up* at 630-3420 for assistance.
- Work together to improve your community by joining or organizing a **neighborhood association** . Call our *Neighborhood Services Department* 630-7398.



- If you or family members are involved in civic, church or workplace groups encourage them to join our **Adopt-A-Road program** . Call *Clean It Up, Green It Up* at 630-3420 for details.
- Tires, used motor oil, and large appliances have special disposal requirements. **Illegal dumping** of special waste items is a crime resulting in fines and penalties. To report this crime call 665-8025.

- Pets should not be allowed to roam the neighborhood. They can cause injury, property damage and contribute to the litter problem. Call *Animal Control* at 630-CITY to report violations of Jacksonville's leash law .

- **Signs** require a permit issued by city government call 630-1100. Do not place illegal signs or distribute flyers in parking lots or other public property.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Do you separately place your **garbage, recycling, or yard waste** curbside only between the hours of 5 p.m. and 6 a.m. on collection day?

- Is **residential garbage** containerized in cans with tight fitting covers or in sealed plastic bags?

- Do **garbage containers** weigh less than 40 pounds?

- Do you tie **papers** in a bundle before placing them in a curbside recycling bin?

- Do you **transport cargo** safely? Unsecured cargo results in injury, death, property damage and litter. It is a liability and a crime. Florida Statutes 316.520 (1) (2) and 316.525 (1) (2) require that vehicle loads be fastened securely to the vehicle to prevent dropping, shifting, leaking or blowing. Refer to www.leg.state.fl.us/.

- Do you clean up **litter** around your property as soon as it happens?

- Do you pre-arrange pickup of **major appliances or up to four passenger tires** by phoning 387-8999?



- Are **household hazardous materials** such as paint, pesticides, and motor oil disposed of properly in accordance with federal, state and local requirements? Call 387-8847.

- Do you take **tire rims or auto parts** to a private auto salvage yard for disposal?

- **Furniture and other bulky items** must be separated from household garbage at curbside.

- Collection of **building materials** is limited in volume to two construction wheelbarrows and only if the homeowner performs the work.

- **Trimming or removal of landscape plants** must be performed by the property owner in order to qualify for curbside collection. Limbs must be cut 5 ft. or shorter, with the diameter no larger than 6 inches.

GOOD CLEAN NEIGHBORS

- Look for **Clean Business Member** or **Adopt-A-Road** signs recognizing area businesses and civic groups. Express your support and gratitude to the participating owners and managers.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Building Inspection, Sign Permits
.....630-1100

City Hall Information
.....630-CITY
.....630-2489

Clean It Up, Green It Up
.....630-3420

Department of Environmental Protection
.....448-4300

Florida Statutes/City Ordinances
.....www.leg.state.fl.us
.....www.coj.net/pub/ordin.htm

Household Hazardous Waste
.....387-8847

Illegal Dumping tires/special items
.....665-8025

Keep Florida Beautiful
.....1-800-828-9338

Neighborhood Services
.....630-7398

Property Safety/Animal Control
.....630-CITY

Solid Waste & Resource Mgmt.
.....630-CITY

Tire & Appliance Pickup
.....630-CITY

Trail Ridge Landfill (drop off)
.....289-9106