



• Butt Bout! • Give every • it harms every • isn't just ugly • Tobacco litter

What You Can Do To Reduce Cigarette Butt Litter:

- **Protect your health and the environment.** The best solution is to quit or never to start. Take advantage of FREE help to kick the habit at 1-800-QUIT-NOW. If you are a smoker, you have the most power to reduce tobacco waste.
- **Smoke-free practices.** Institute smoke-free zones—designated by signs—in and around your business or property.
- **Conduct a campaign.** Businesses and community organizations can conduct Tobacco Awareness Campaigns to raise awareness. Visit NoTobaccoLitter.com to download tools and learn more.
- **Clean-up programs.** Implement a litter clean-up program as part of an overall Tobacco Waste Reduction campaign. Visit NoTobaccoLitter.com for a campaign toolkit.

Maryland's

1-800



QUIT NOW

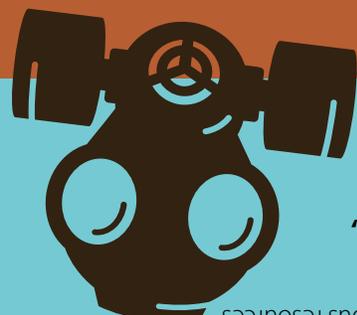
1-800-784-8669

SmokingStopsHere.com

Center for Tobacco Prevention and Control
Prevention and Health Promotion Administration
Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
201 West Preston Street
Baltimore, MD 21201



Tobacco litter hurts our planet. No butts about it.
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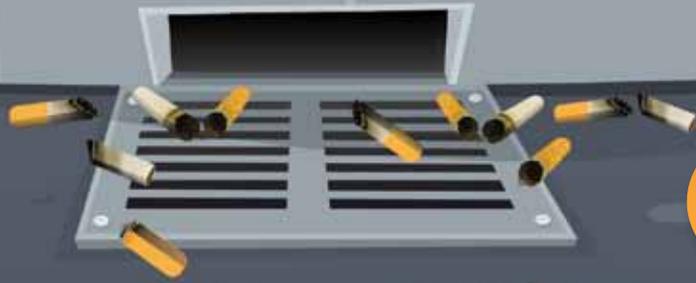
- **Tobacco litter harms animals.** Both marine and land wildlife, as well as pets, frequently mistake cigarette butts for food and ingest them.
- **Cigarette litter harms our waterways.** Cigarette litter is carried by storm runoff into streams and rivers that feed the Chesapeake Bay. The chemicals leach into the water and is lethal to plankton and small fish that feed larger aquatic animals like rockfish, oysters and crabs.
- **Carelessly discarded cigarette butts start fires** that damage property and consume precious resources to extinguish.
- **Tobacco waste is costly to clean up,** putting an extra financial burden on taxpayers, cities and businesses.

No Butts About It.
Cigarette butts and cigar tips are the **most frequently littered item** in America. They're discarded on roads, sidewalks and other areas where the toxic chemicals they contain—arsenic, cadmium, nicotine, barium, chromium, copper and more—leach into the environment.
Cigarette toxins harm more than lungs. Sure, cigarette butts are ugly, especially when they're laying around bus stops, storm drains, parks and beaches. But that's just the start of the problem.
Cigarette filters aren't biodegradable. Tobacco filters are made from a plastic material (cellulose acetate) that, like a plastic bag, is slow to biodegrade – or doesn't degrade at all.

Cigarette butt litter is toxic waste.

WHEN IT RAINS

littered cigarette butts are carried into our waterways through storm drains.



Cigarette butts are poisonous to children, pets, wildlife, our water and our land.

RIP

Nicotine trapped inside 200 used filters is likely enough to kill a 160-pound adult.



An estimated **1.69 BILLION**

pounds of cigarette butts nationwide wind up as toxic trash each year. These cigarette butts, especially those that have been tossed to the ground, are poisonous to animals that may ingest them.

7,000

calls to poison control centers are received nationwide each year regarding nicotine exposure to children under **6 years old.**



Cigarette butts were the **#1 item**

picked up on Maryland beaches during the 2013 International Coastal Cleanup.

Butts kill birds and other wildlife that ingest them.



35%

of litter gathered by the Baltimore Inner Harbor Water Wheel is cigarette butts. When butts enter the water, their toxic chemicals endanger all living things.



Lit cigarette butts flicked from car windows cause fires. In 2012, lit tobacco products:

- caused 8% of Maryland wildfires
- resulted in **62 ACRES** burned.

PLEASE

Don't Drop Cigarette Butts on Ground. Crabs Crawl Out at Night To Smoke Them and We Want Them To Quit.



An estimated 3 million cigarette butts were collected by the Baltimore Inner Harbor Water Wheel from May 16 - August 13, 2014.

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