

What is litter?

Litter is pieces of trash carelessly left on the ground, especially in a public place or outdoors. Litter is also a large number of objects scattered around untidily, or a place in a messy state.



Around Sand Point, litter is everywhere. Sand Point has three clean

ups a year, but those clean ups are during the spring and summer months. Because we only have spring and summer clean ups, it would be great if people cut down on the littering, or maybe even not litter at all.



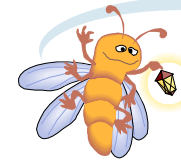
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Don't Be A Litter Bug



How can litter affect your community?

Litter can affect our community in many ways. It is something that can harm our wildlife and make our community look like a garbage dump. A lot of litter can be recycled. While taking a drive, you can find litter such as pop cans, plastic bottles, aluminum food bags, plastic store and garbage bags, and wrappers from different things. Many of these objects are recyclable! When garbage is on the ground, our community, looks like a dirty place. If we could keep our community clean, we would have a beautiful and healthier place to live. Let's make our community something we can be proud of.



Trash around our community!

How can litter affect our wildlife?

Trash can affect our wildlife in many ways. The worst way trash can affect our wildlife is if they consume it. Wildlife live off our land, if there is trash on the ground, they will eat it.

When the wind blows here in Sand Point, litter left on the ground can blow into the water or surrounding area where the wildlife can find it and mistake it for food. Once they eat garbage, their stomachs tell them they are still hungry, but they feel full. All the garbage left in their stomachs can't digest, resulting in animals starving to death. Many animals have died from this.

Other ways litter can affect our wildlife is when the animals get caught in it. Marine debris such as nets and other litter can get caught around the animals necks and

choke them. It doesn't just happen to marine mammals either, it can happen to any animal.

Wildlife are curious and can mistake litter for something else. When you are out and about and see some litter on the ground, please pick it up. Whether you have a garbage bag in your car, or in your pocket, please pick up any litter seen on the ground to make sure we are making our community a nice place to live in. It will also make our environment safe for wildlife. We want to make this a community for our future generations to be proud of.



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