STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
KEEP GEORGIA PEACHY, DO NOT LITTER

Every year, Georgia DOT spends over $10 million cleaning up litter.
Litter can affect many areas of your life.

**COMMUNITY**
- LITTER CAN BLOCK STORMWATER DRAINS resulting in flooding and costly repairs.
- LITTER NEGATIVELY IMPACTS real estate values, discouraging economic development.

**ROADWAYS**
- LITTER DIMINISHES AESTHETICS of streets, roads and highways.
- More than 25,000 ACCIDENTS are CAUSED BY vehicle-related road DEBRIS each year in the U.S.

**ENVIRONMENT**
- It only takes 1 HOUR FOR CHEMICALS TO LEACH from cigarette butts when in contact with water.
- ANIMALS CAN GET CAUGHT IN PLASTIC items and become injured or even strangled.

Georgia has both LITTER AND ILLEGAL DUMPING LAWS.
Those convicted of littering face FINES UP TO $1,000 and can be ordered to pick up litter themselves.

For more details: [https://www.keepgeorgiabeautiful.org/end-litter](https://www.keepgeorgiabeautiful.org/end-litter)
Georgia DOT has created programs and teamed with organizations to help **REDUCE LITTER** on our roadways. Here are a few things you can do to help keep our roadways and waterways free of litter:

- **CARRY** a litter bag in your car.
- For smokers, keep a **DESIGNATED PLACE** in your car for cigarette butts and ashes until you’re ready to throw them away.
- Properly **COVER TRASH** receptacles outside to prevent litter escaping.
- **BE PROACTIVE!** Walk to the nearest recycling or trash container.
- **ENCOURAGE** friends & family to take pride in their community and not to litter.
- **ONLY EMPTY** your RV holding tanks in authorized dump stations.
- **PARTICIPATE** in community clean-ups.
- **SECURE YOUR CARGO** before driving. Don’t use truck beds as mobile garbage cans.

**For more information**

**GEORGIA DOT’S STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**
dot.ga.gov/IS/Environment/Stormwater

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