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

Take pride in the Peach State **– PREVENT 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.

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Keeping Georgia's Streams, Rivers and Lakes Healthy and Clean