

**Litter
Trashes
Everyone.**
Don't Do It.

*Littering is
Offensive, Expensive
and Unlawful*

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Littering is a Crime

Think Littering is “No Big Deal?”

In the first place, every South Carolinian has a great deal of pride in our beautiful state. Litter is an ugly embarrassment that gives South Carolina and the South a black eye.

We're all interested in higher-paying jobs and a good economic future, so we work hard to attract new business to South Carolina. When business people visit the state and get an eyeful of litter, you can bet they start looking elsewhere.

The same is true of tourists. Tourism brings billions of dollars into South Carolina every year, but trashy beaches, parks and roads have a way of sending tourists and their money somewhere else.

What's more, the trash on our highways, in our parks, on our beaches and in our towns and cities costs every one of us plenty. South Carolina spends millions of tax dollars just to clean it up. If you're caught littering, the fine can be as high as \$1,000 and up to one year in jail.

So instead of a cigarette butt, a fast food wrapper or a soda can, think of it as your money – and our future – you're throwing out the window!

Know Your Litter Laws

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA OFFICIAL NOTICE

Littering is a crime punishable by a maximum \$1,000 fine or imprisonment or up to one year, or both.

What is litter?

- Litter is misplaced trash or solid waste.

What are South Carolina's litter laws?

- No person shall dump, deposit, discard or dispose of litter or solid waste on public property, private property or in the waters of South Carolina.
- Cigarette butts are considered litter as well as a fire hazard.
- No vehicle transporting litter may be driven or moved on any highway unless the litter is securely fastened by a cover.
- Regardless of what the vehicle is hauling, the load must be covered or secured to prevent the load from escaping from the vehicle.
- When transporting brush or tree limbs, the load must not drag on the road or obstruct the vehicle's operational lights or license plate.

What are the penalties for littering in South Carolina?

- Fines range from \$200 to \$1,000.
- Guilty convictions can lead to jail time between 30 days to one year.
- The court may also impose community service litter clean up hours.
- Authorities may confiscate vehicles used to illegally dump large quantities of litter.

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