The Impact of Littering



Litter may be intentional. Drivers sometimes throw garbage or cigarettes out of their window, pedestrians drop wrappers or gum on the sidewalks, or people leave trash near overflowing garbage bins.

Litter may be unintentional. It may come from uncovered bins and can easily be blown out of trucks and trailers. Household rubbish, commercial rubbish and building waste can become litter if not secured properly.

Litter can be harmful to people, animals and the natural environment, as it can threaten their existence and evolution.

The major impacts involve the danger to public health, the risk of fire hazards, endangering, or even killing wildlife, and the serious damage to waterways.

Furthermore, litter directly and

indirectly affects the tourist industry and

our quality of life.

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