

Whether you are walking down the street or in the park, surfing in the Pacific Ocean, or boating in the Bay—when you see litter, it's depressing. It's also pretty gross and unhealthy. Here are some ways you can help combat litter in your neighborhood!

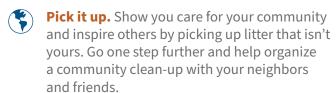
- Bring Your Own... Reusable bags to the store, water bottles to the gym or the park, beverage mug to the coffee shop...you get the idea. The 3 R's (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) still ring true. The fewer single-use products you buy, the less trash you create.
- Keep a lid on it. Make an extra effort to place your trash in the nearest appropriate receptacle. Keep garbage and recycling cans tightly covered to prevent litter from being blown away or scattered by animals.
- **Drive smart.** If you're hauling items on the back of a vehicle, make sure to use a tarp and cover any items that could blow onto the road. Keep a bag in your vehicle specifically for collecting trash and never dump items from your vehicle window.





EVERY YEAR, 8 MILLION METRIC TONS OF PLASTIC END UP IN OUR OCEANS. YOU CAN HELP.





Sort hazardous waste and drop it off. Contact the San Mateo County Household Hazardous Waste Program or visit smchealth.org/hhw to learn about the proper disposal of common household toxic products that require special care.

Recycle your cigarettes. Every year billions of cigarette butts end up as litter on our sidewalks, shorelines, and waterways. But did you know cigarettes can be recycled? Visit flowstobay.org/ cigs to learn about Terracycle's FREE recycling program.





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