

Butt out...and don't litter



It is estimated that one in three cigarettes end up as litter. Cigarette butts are the single most collected item in international beach cleanups each year. The 4000 toxic chemicals caught in cigarette filters can end up into the earth and groundwater. This is poisonous to marine life, birds and other animals. Nicotine poisoning can happen if young children eat cigarette butts left near playgrounds, parks and other play areas.

Did You Know..

- Globally, 11.4 million tons of wood are used each year to dry tobacco leaves
- One tree is used to make 300 cigarettes
- Cigarette butts are not biodegradable

No butts about it, keep our neighborhood clean!

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