

“Litter-Known” Facts

The seven primary sources of litter:

- Pedestrians or cyclists who do not use receptacles
- Motorists who do not use car ashtrays or litterbags
- Business dumpsters that are improperly covered
- Loading docks and commercial or recreational marinas with inadequate waste receptacles
- Construction and demolition sites without tarps and receptacles to contain debris and waste
- Trucks with uncovered loads on local roads and highways
- Household trash scattered before or during collection

No matter where litter starts, it moves from streets and highways to parks and waterways. Wind and weather moves litter around a community, into the gutters, planted gardens, alleyways and parking areas. In one study, researchers found that 18% of all littered items end up in our streams and waterways as pollution.

Solutions to litter problems are not always about cleaning up after the fact. In most cases, solutions come from thoughtful prevention.

Keep Carbondale Beautiful knows that much of our loose litter is a result of individuals paying too little attention to their actions and others carelessly handling waste. **It takes one person at a time to make a difference.**