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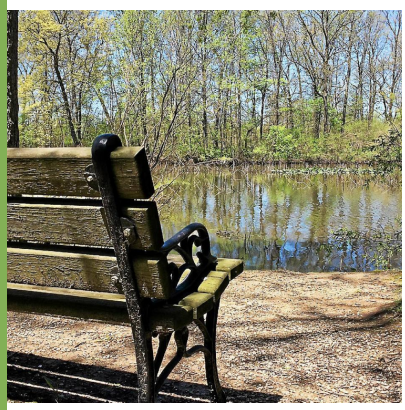
Cigarette Butts are consistently the #1 littered item found during community clean-up events.



This Earth Day, Say No to Nicotine!

Cigarette butts make up nearly 30% of all litter collected on the sides of the highway. Even under ideal conditions, it would take at least nine months for a cigarette butt to degrade in the environment!

While cigarette butts are degrading, nicotine and organic compounds found inside leach into the surrounding environment which can be fatal to wildlife if ingested.

Because of the nicotine and organic compounds within e-cigarettes, they are considered hazardous waste. However, since there are lithium batteries contained inside the devices they are also considered to be electronic waste that should be disposed of in the same manner as electronics. When disposable parts are littered or thrown into the regular trash, they can leak heavy metals into the environment.

Are you or a loved one ready to quit?
Over 18: Call 1-800-Quit-Now
Under 18: Text "Start my Quit" to 36072

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