

Join the fight against litter!

- 1) **Secure Your Cargo** – Items that come from uncovered trucks litter our highways and cause dangerous driving conditions. In North Carolina, 50% of litter is blown, not thrown.
- 2) **Swat-A-Litterbug** – If you see someone littering, or trash blowing from an open bed truck, you can report them. Make sure you get the N.C. license plate number, type of littering, date, time and location. Next, call ***HP** and report the incident, or access the online reporting form at ncdot.gov/litterbug or call **877-DOT4YOU** (877-368-4968).
- 3) **Adopt-A-Highway** – Adopt a two-mile stretch of roadway and agree to clean it four times a year. The N.C. Department of Transportation will provide you with trash bags, safety vests and gloves. You'll receive two recognition signs along your section. For more information, call **800-331-5864** or visit our website at ncdot.gov/adopt-a-highway
- 4) **Obtain a No Litter Specialty Tag** – Help support our anti-litter efforts by purchasing a no litter specialty tag from your local DMV.





Littering is Illegal **Litter Law**

General Statute 14-399(c)

If you intentionally litter in the amount of 15 pounds or less, you could be found guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$250 to \$1,000 and possible community service work up to 24 hours.

General Statute 14-399(c1)

If you unintentionally litter in the amount of 15 pounds or less, you could be found guilty of an INFRACTION punishable by a fine of up to \$100 and possible community service work up to 12 hours.

Keep Your (Cigarette) Butts in the Truck

Throwing cigarette butts anywhere but a trash receptacle is littering. Although they are small, cigarette butts are the number one most littered item. Not only are they unsightly, but due to being non-biodegradable, they often end up in drainage systems which lead to streams, rivers and waterways.

Do your part by disposing of cigarette butts in a trash receptacle or carry a portable ashtray in your vehicle to dispose of them later.



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