



Litter on the Streets, in the Park, and even on the Bus

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NYC garbage can

I was walking down the street, I was noticing all of my surroundings. But all I saw was litter, litter, and more litter- I just couldn't believe how much litter there was in New York City. Everywhere I turned my head I saw litter!

One day I was at Carl Schurz Park, running through the wet grass barefoot with my friend, Maddie. But what I didn't notice was that there was glass spread throughout the area. I kept running and I wasn't looking where I was going. Maddie had yelled stop right before I was about to step on glass. I was about to hurt myself because of someone else's carelessness.



Paper in
Central
Park

I'm on the bus with my dad on the way to Target. Just as I'm about to sit down I notice gum stuck to the seat. I was so happy I noticed the gum before I sat down. I couldn't believe that someone would just leave their gum where someone could get it stuck to themselves.



Orange Juice container on the bus



Litter is...



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Bottle
thrown on
floor in park

Harmful



NYC idea of
art- trash art

Art

Papers on
NYC
subway
entrance



2,515 tickets worth
(tickets written for littering)

Litter fine
sign for
NYC



IT'S THE LAW

**clean
up after
your
dog**

**DON'T
LITTER**



**MAXIMUM FINE
\$ 450**

IS ILLEGAL



Did you know that 75% of Americans litter. If you- the person reading this- is one of the 75% that litter, YOU need to stop! All this litter is causing animals to die and harmful environments for us to live in.

Litter can cause very dangerous things. Fires are caused, accidents are caused by people trying to avoid garbage on the runways. And, small children fall and cut themselves on glass.

People for a number of reasons litter. But some people litter because they don't care about what could happen, they're too lazy to throw their own garbage away, and some people have no respect for their actions. Well what I'm trying to say that littering needs to STOP!

In a poll in 2002, almost all the visitors in New York City (more than half New Yorkers themselves) said that New York City's streets are dirty. Some residents of NYC say that the sidewalks look like landfills and that the city struggles to keep up with overflowing garbage cans. "On weekends, the baskets are overflowing and there is garbage everywhere. Sometimes the wind blows the garbage everywhere," Says Ali Saleh, NYC deli owner.

Litter is everywhere- not just in your town. There are many different reasons why people litter and many things that can happen because of litter. But if litter doesn't stop our world will look just like a garbage dump. Litter needs to STOP!!!