

Litter

Activity Book

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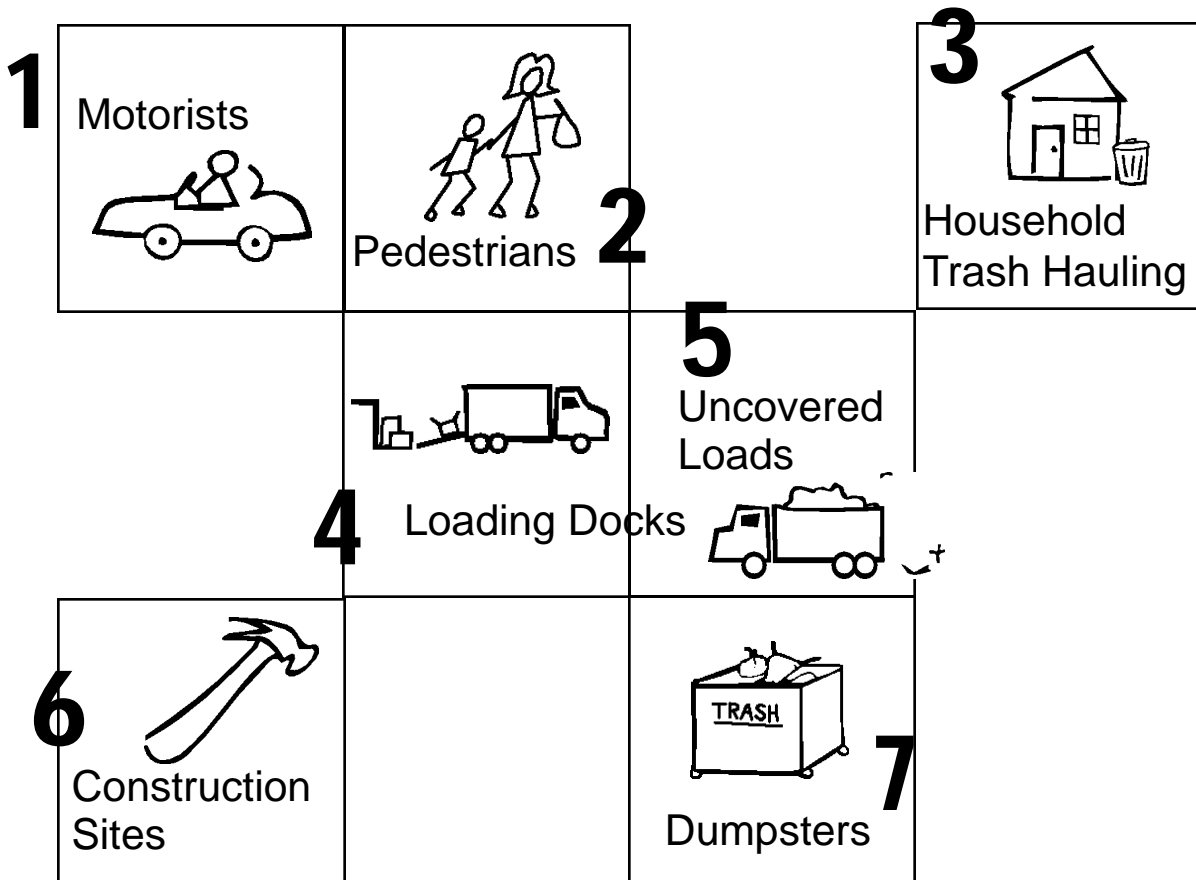
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What is litter?

- ◆ Litter is trash in the wrong place.
- ◆ Littering is choosing the wrong thing to do.
- ◆ Litter is a big problem on North Carolina's roadsides.
- ◆ Litter costs the state millions of dollars to clean up.
- ◆ Littering is against the law.
- ◆ Litter is harmful to small animals and plants.
- ◆ Litter hurts all of us. It is ugly, unhealthy and unsafe.
- ◆ Litter in the roads can cause accidents.

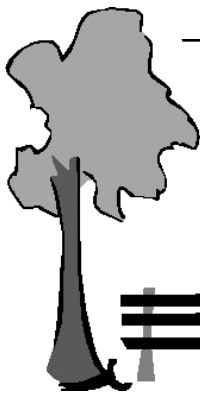
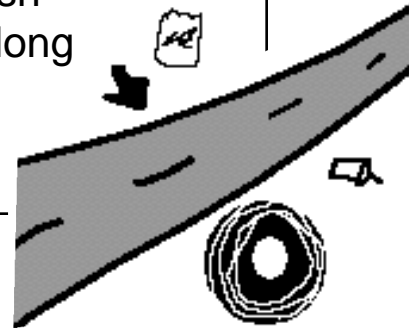
Keep America Beautiful, Inc. has found that litter comes from seven sources:



Why do people litter?

1

People litter where litter and trash already exists. (This could be along the side of the road!)

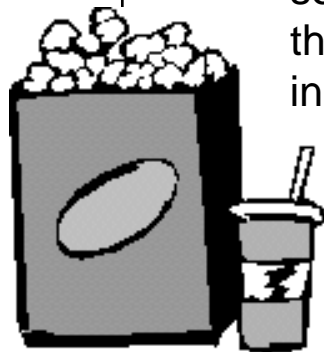


People litter in public places, like the park or the bus station. They feel no sense of ownership.

2

3

People litter where they think someone will clean up after them. Have you ever littered in the movie theater?



Activities

Clean up your playground.

Ask your principal to have a litter awareness day at your school.

Use coloring sheets to decorate your class bulletin board.

Walk around the school to see if there are enough trash cans, if not, ask for more.

Write a letter to the P.T.A. asking them to adopt the road in front of the school.

As a class, write a letter to your local sheriff asking him to enforce litter laws.

Swat-A-Litterbug

Be an official litter agent and report litterbugs. If you see someone littering, fill in the required information and send the card back to the Department of Transportation. We will send a letter asking the litterbug to stop trashing our state!

North Carolina License Plate Number _____

Date _____ Time _____

County _____ City _____

Street/Highway _____

Type of Violation _____

Reporter Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Return your Swat-A-Litterbug card to:
NCDOT
Office of Beautification Programs
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Litter Song

We've created a song just for litter! Sing it to the tune of HINGO!

You might have some ideas for some new verses to add!

We live in a state we call NC
We work to keep it litter-free
C-L-E-A-N
C-L-E-A-N
C-L-E-A-N
Keep NC Clean & Green!

Messy trash along the road
is what we all call litter
_ -L-E-A-N
_ -L-E-A-N
_ -L-E-A-N
Keep NC Clean & Green!

Cigarette butts are litter too,
Don't throw them out the window
_ - -E-A-N
_ - -E-A-N
_ - -E-A-N
Keep NC Clean & Green!

When you're finished with your trash
go put it in the trash can.

_ _ _ -A-N

_ _ _ -A-N

_ _ _ -A-N

Keep NC Clean & Green!

Littering is against the law
And it can cost you money

_ _ _ _ -N

_ _ _ _ -N

_ _ _ _ -N

Keep NC Clean & Green

Let's work to keep it litter-free
'Cause that is how it ought to be.

_ _ _ _ _

_ _ _ _ _

_ _ _ _ _

Keep NC Clean & Green!!



Word Search

B	C	G	A	R	I	O
L	L	O	D	A	E	W
I	I	I	O	M	S	D
T	D	T	P	Q	B	I
T	S	A	T	Y	G	H
E	A	F	A	E	A	S
R	F	W	H	J	R	A
B	E	H	I	E	B	R
U	T	G	G	C	A	T
G	Y	F	H	D	G	P
U	V	S	W	P	E	F
I	E	A	A	L	A	T
O	S	P	Y	E	C	O
T	T	A	S	H	Y	K
M	E	S	S	Y	T	E

(Answers on page 12)

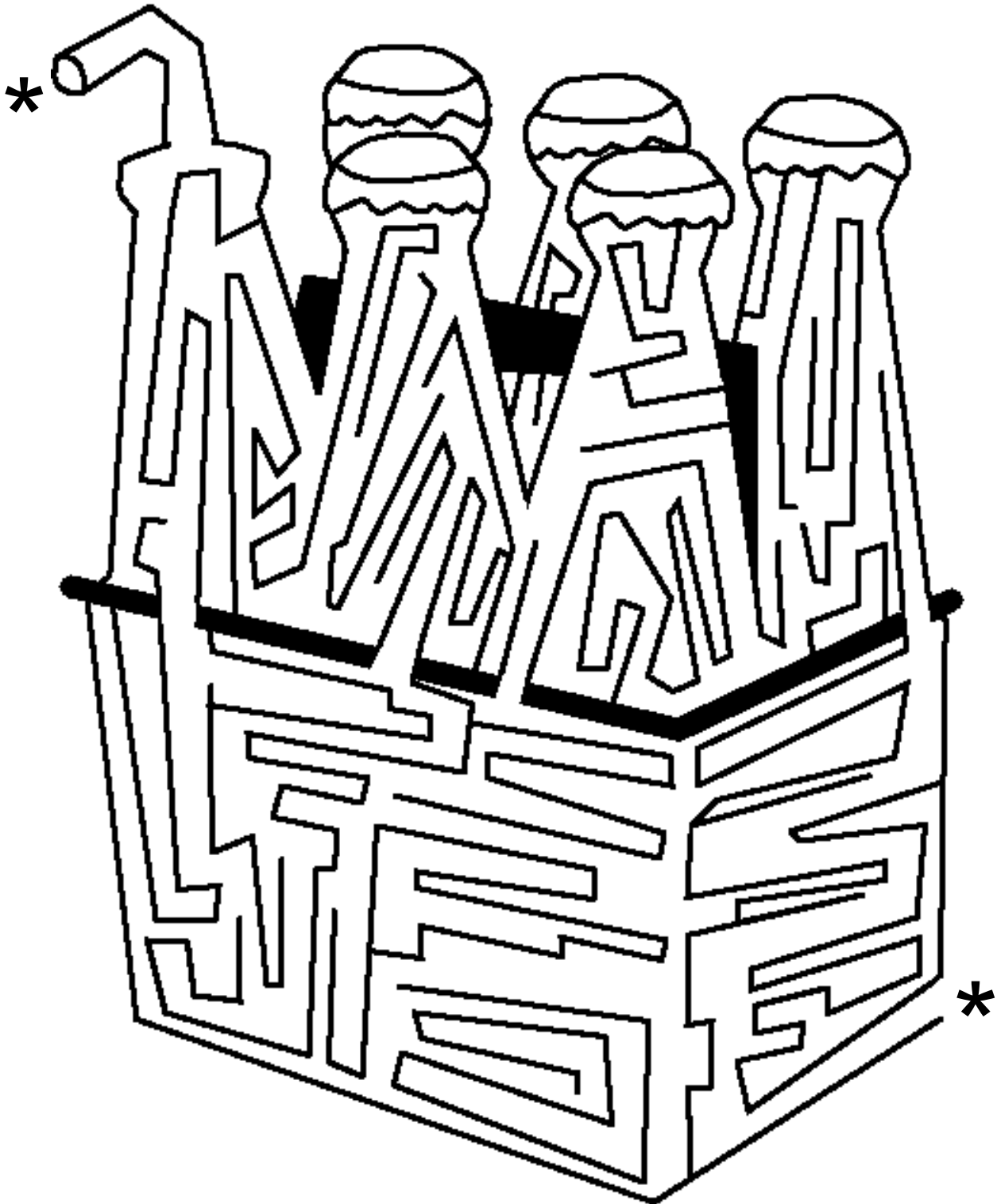
Look for these words about litter. You will find them hidden up, down, forward, backward, across and diagonally.

Litterbug
Trash
Messy
Litter

Help
Adopt A Highway
Safety Vest
Garbage

A-maze-ing bottles

Can you make it through this maze of bottles? Start at the straw and find your way to the bottom of the box!



Word Scramble

We've taken some of the words we have used to talk about litter and its origins. See how many of these words you recognize from your reading! (We've made you a list if you need some help!)

litter, clean, green, trash, messy, garbage, help, litterbug, recycle, illegal, waste, motorists

pelh

syesm

ergen

rtetli

stomorsti

hstra

utibregtl

twesa

nelca

ebragga

agelill

elrcyce

(Answers on page 12)

Crossword Puzzle

down

The goal of our program is to "Keep NC _____"
 _____"

The second largest group of terbugs are _____

_____ are made to hold large amounts of trash



A crossword puzzle grid with the following clues and starting numbers:

- 1: down (10 letters)
- 2: across (12 letters)
- 3: down (10 letters)
- 4: across (12 letters)
- 5: across (10 letters)
- 6: across (6 letters)
- 7: across (14 letters)

(Answers on page 12)

across

- Your teachers could form a group and volunteer in this program
- _____ have the largest number of litterbugs
- Trash in the wrong place is called _____
- The third source that causes litter is _____ hauling



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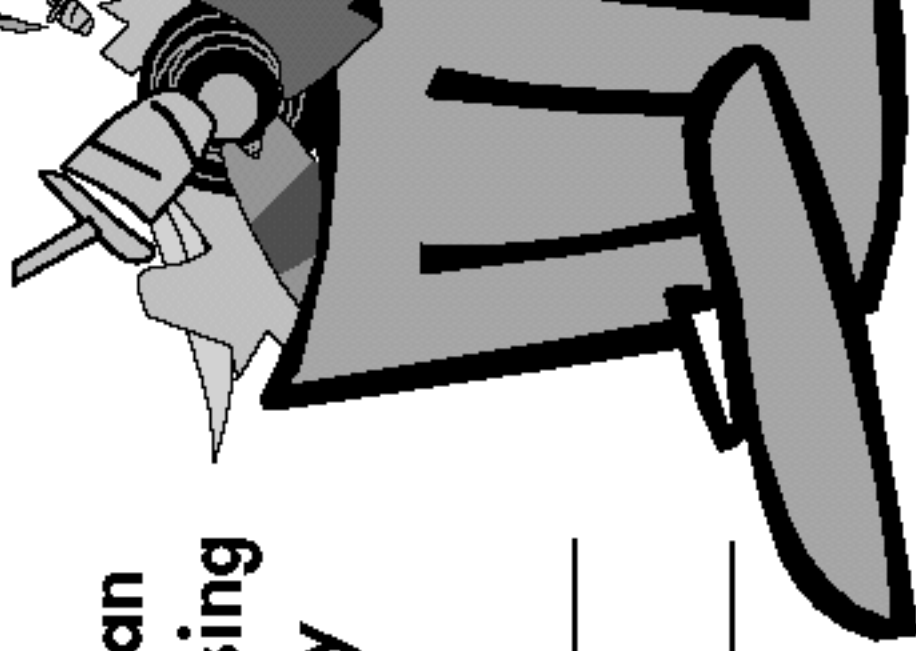
Keep NC Clean & Green

I pledge to help keep highways,
waterways and public places clean
and litter-free by properly disposing
of trash and reminding my family
and friends to do the same.

Write your name here

Date

Signed



Show your Support

For a Litter-Free
North Carolina!

Ask your teacher to mail this letter to the
sheriff asking that the litter laws be
enforced in your community.



answers

word search

B	C	G	A	R	I	O
L	E	O	D	A	E	W
I	I	I	O	M	S	D
T	L	T	P	Q	B	I
T	S	A	T	Y	G	H
E	A	F	A	E	A	S
R	F	W	H	J	R	A
B	E	H	I	E	B	R
U	T	G	G	C	A	T
G	Y	F	H	D	G	P
U	V	P	W	P	E	F
I	E	A	A	L	A	T
O	S	P	Y	F	C	O
T	T	R	S	H	Q	K
M	E	S	S	Y	T	E

word scramble

help	messy
green	litter
motorists	trash
litterbug	waste
clean	garbage
illegal	recycle

crossword

Down

1. Clean and green
2. Pedestrians
3. Dumpsters

Across

4. Adopt-A-Highway
5. motorists
6. litter
7. household trash

Date

Dear _____ :

North Carolina is a beautiful state. I do not like to see litter on highways, waterways and public places.

Litter is ugly, unsafe and hurts our environment. I wish more people would care for our state and not put their trash in the wrong place.

I signed a pledge from the North Carolina Department of Transportation to help keep our state litter-free.

Will you help me by enforcing our litter laws to teach litterbugs a lesson?

Sincerely,



Name _____

School _____

City _____



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