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Littering in Vermont

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Vermont is a haven for outdoor activities to enjoy nature, so why do I find litter in my haven?

Vermont is a lovely state to indulge in outdoor fun, but when you see litter, it ruins that trance of environmental beauty and is a disappointment. Everyone can make a change by simply carrying their trash till they can find a place to dispose of it. One way to help encourage this is by putting more trash cans in public places. Still, an alarming 43% of Americans have participated in littering.

I have seen this littering firsthand in our rivers, streets, roads, woods, etc. Me and my family do our best to pick up the trash, but that doesn't stop the polluters. Not discarding your waste properly can endanger the natural environment and destroy it. This is one of the reasons why it's important to know where to put your trash when it comes to recycling or The landfill and especially the compost.

An environment is your surroundings, not necessarily your natural environment. Vermont is full of amazing ecosystems in all four seasons. According to vermont.gov, there are over 24 million pounds of litter in Vermont. It endangers beautiful things like our special forests, So when you see litter it is a good idea to help throw it out when you get a chance to help Vermont.

Luckily I have an idea to help prevent this crime, more public trash cans will help encourage more proper disposing of trash. This suggestion could decrease littering levels, and so for those reasons just holding onto your trash until being able to throw it out can make a big difference in protecting your environment and keeping Vermont "green".

Resources:

https://vermont.com/

https://www.creditdonkey.com/littering-statistics.html#:~:text=Approximately%2043%25%20of%20people%20in,to%20littering%20at%20least%20once

https://raleighnc.gov/transportation/services/streets-maintenance-and-repairs/tips-help-prevent-litter#

https://opdenaker.com/how-much-trash-does-the-average-person-produce/#:~:text=According%20to%20information%20taken%20from,generated%20by%20the%20average%20person.