

WHO CARES ABOUT LITTER?

Tax payers care about litter.

CI \$ 4,000,000 An excess of 4 millions of your tax dollars was spent by the Cayman Islands government to ensure that all the waste generated (including litter) is properly disposed of.

Plus, the **COUNTLESS** hours and supplies donated by volunteers who work to help keep our communities clean.



For further information

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AN UNGLY HABIT



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Department
of
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DOES LITTER HAVE A REAL IMPACT?

The urban litter forum, a partnership between the US Conference of Mayors and Keep America Beautiful, identified the following impacts of litter:

Litter **repels** economic development, investment, and location of businesses.

It **decreases** property values and increases urban decay.

Urban **blight** and litter result in decreased tourism in communities.

Revenue **declines** for littered business districts.

Related **crime** activities are more likely to occur in blighted areas (drug deals, prostitution, gang violence, loitering, vandalism etc.).

YOU CAN HELP



Never litter.

Store trash in bags or pockets until you find a garbage can.

Have the courage to talk to people about not littering.

Volunteer to clean up litter.

DID YOU KNOW?

Litter won't just **go away** in a few days. Paper takes 2-4 weeks to break down, while a tin can lasts 100 years, a glass bottle will hang around indefinitely and cellulose acetate in cigarette filters never completely decomposes.

It is **illegal** to litter. The Royal Cayman Islands Police Service is committed to ticketing people who throw trash on the ground.

Vermin and disease are rife in places with high amounts of litter. Open containers such as paper cups or beverage cans can hold rainwater, providing a breeding location for mosquitoes which have been known to spread diseases like West Nile Virus. Litter is also a road hazard occasionally contributing to automobile accidents.

**STOP TO PONDER
BEFORE YOU LITTER.**