

FACT SHEET

I CAN DO THAT!

10 TIPS FOR PERSONAL ACTION ON LITTER

Every one can make a difference. This year, decide to do your bit for the environment and a litter-free WA. Change your thinking from “Someone else will do it” to “I can do that!” and take action on litter today!

- 1. Don't leave it to someone else!**
Carry a litter bag when out for a walk and pick up litter instead of leaving it in the streets or gutters.
- 2. Never hose litter, leaves or debris** down into gutters and drains as it finally ends up polluting our natural waterways through the storm water system. Use a broom to sweep paved areas instead.
- 3. When out and about, make sure your waste goes in the public bins, not beside it.** Alternatively, take your litter home, especially when visiting parks and gardens. Wind and animals scavenging in bins can often inadvertently create litter. Carry a litterbag in your car for collecting rubbish.
- 4. Refuse plastic bags** when you are shopping. Plastic bags are a common litter item and are dangerous to marine animals, because they confuse them with jellyfish and eat the bags, often resulting in death.
- 5. Make sure your waste is secure** in your bin or recycling container so that it cannot blow away and be washed into the storm water system.
- 6. Dispose of cigarette butts** either in a bin, public butt bins or carry your own personal ashtray. Personal ashtrays are available from KAB WA. Find out more at www.kabc.wa.gov.au or call 08 6467 5122.
- 7. Pack a rubbish-free lunch** with reusable plastic containers and water bottles rather than bags and drink boxes.

- 8. Put a 'no junk mail' sign on your mailbox.**
- 9. Secure your load** when transporting any materials to ensure they don't fly off.
- 10. Never leave items beside charity bins.**
Dumped items are litter! Charities are forced to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars per year cleaning up litter dumped at charity bins.

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MORE ACTION ON LITTER

- Become a litter reporter.** KAB WA has a litter reporter scheme where litter related to vehicles can be reported. Call 6467 5129 and register.
- Adopt-a-Spot** to keep litter-free in your neighbourhood.
- Report abandoned shopping trolleys.** In Western Australia, Woolworths, Big W and Target are part of the Trolley Tracker scheme. When you report you go in the draw for a \$1000 shopping card. Call 1800 641 497 or visit www.trolleytracker.com.au.



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