

Miami-Dade County is **OUR** community. It's where we live, work and play. Let's take pride and keep it clean. Dispose of your trash properly so our streets, sidewalks and open spaces look their best.

**OUR** efforts will make a *difference.*



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# LET'S *Clean* Things **UP**

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Partnering with **OUR**  
community to keep  
**#OurCounty** clean  
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In support of the Keep Miami-Dade County Beautiful initiative, the Miami-Dade County Departments of Solid Waste Management and Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces, through Neat Streets Miami, are partnering with **OUR** community to combat and prevent littering in our neighborhoods and public spaces. We're asking you to join our team to make a difference. Together, **Let's Clean Things Up!**



## What is litter?

Litter is typical waste such as plastic bottles, paper cups, food service containers, fast food wrappers, bags, cigarette butts, and other trash or garbage that is improperly disposed of in public spaces.

## The negative implications of litter:

Not only is litter an eyesore that can't be ignored, it's also bad for the environment. Litter pollutes our roadways and neighborhood walkways, gets washed into storm drains and directly into waterways, endangering our wildlife and harming our natural resources. Litter can also clog storm drains and lead to street flooding.

What's more, litter lowers property values. What starts out as one or two pieces of trash carelessly thrown onto the ground can turn into a heaping pile of material that can make an area look dirty and in some cases even smell bad.

Lastly, littering is against the law. If caught in the act, individuals can be fined.

## What can you do to help?

Treat every public space the way you would your own home—after all, you live here, too! Locate the nearest trash or recycling receptacle and dispose of your trash properly. Also, if you see litter, pick it up. By being clean, you set a great example for others to follow. And always have a litter bag available. Store litter bags in your car, purse or book bag. When full, empty the bag's contents into the proper receptacle.

## Join a volunteer team and "Let's Clean Things Up"

Community groups, school clubs and other organizations are putting together volunteer teams to clean up littered areas in our community. Please sign up on our website to volunteer at an upcoming event. Participants will receive a certificate that recognizes them as an official member of our **"Let's Clean Things Up"** team. And students will receive community service hours and feel the pride in knowing that they are helping to keep **#OurCounty** clean!