

## WHAT IS LITTER?

- Trash, like paper, cans, tires, mattresses, Styrofoam cups, and bottles left in a public space on the ground or near waterways like creeks, streams, or rivers.



## WHY IS LITTER PREVENTION IMPORTANT?

- Litter is harmful to wildlife and waterways.
- Litter downgrades neighborhoods.
- A little bit of litter usually leads to more litter.

## HOW TO PREVENT LITTER?

- Don't be the problem, dispose of your trash properly.
- Volunteer to clean up litter in your free time.
- Create less waste by using reusable products.

## LITTER FACTS:

- Cigarette butts are the #1 most littered item and consists of about 38% of all roadway litter
- Littered plastic and styrofoam will stay in our environments for up to a million years.
- There are more than one hundred million pieces of litter on Tennessee roadways right now.





Volunteer to Recycle

# Learning About **LITTER**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Litter is trash that has not been thrown in a trash can. Have you seen litter on the ground or street? Litter makes our environment (where we live) dirty and unhealthy.

Help Binny clean up his environment. Binny has found some litter. Help him decide if he should throw it in the trash can or in one of the recycling bins. Draw a line from each picture to the correct can or bin.





# LITTER PREVENTION ROCKS!!!

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# NOBODY TRASHES TENNESSEE

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1. There are currently 100 million pieces of litter on Tennessee's State Roadways.
2. All litter eventually finds its way to a waterway.
3. Litter is harmful for animals and wildlife.