When litter is blown, scattered, spilled, thrown or placed from a vehicle or watercraft, the operator thereof shall be presumed to have committed the offense.

NC General Statute § 14-399. Littering.

Wildlife can get tangled in the litter and can also accidentally eat litter. Trash can make animals sick and hurt them.

Our environment is not meant to be covered in trash and filth. Litter takes away from the beauty of our environment and can destroy the habitat for many animals and plants.

Having to clean up other people's trash from your own yard is not a fun task for anyone. You wouldn't want to clean up other people's trash; it can be dangerous.

Secure Your Load!
You can keep yards, roadways, and the environment clean by making sure your waste and other items are secure in the back of your vehicle. Use a tarp or closed/secured bins.

Say Something.
If you see someone litter, say something. Reminding others that littering is illegal can help end littering.

Educate Others.
Educating others on the importance of litter prevention can help end littering. Some may not know who and what littering can affect.

Report Litterbugs.
If you see drivers who litter, use the NCDOT Swat-A-Litterbug Program to educate those on the road.

Clean Up!
Get involved with a litter clean up or even just pick up a few items on your walk or jog. Our community gets cleaner one piece at a time!

Swat-A-Litterbug
Report litterbugs on NCDOT’s website or by phone. The DOT sends a letter to the offender’s home stating littering is illegal. Just Search: NCDOT Swat-A-Litterbug or Call (877) 368-4968.

Adopt-A-Highway
Allows individuals to adopt their own 2 mile stretch for a minimum of 4 years to keep clean.

LEARN MORE
www.ncdot.gov/initiatives-policies/environmental
OR
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