## PREVENT LITTER FROM WASHING INTO OUR WATERWAYS

## HELP HEAL OUR WATERWAYS



**Refuse plastic bags** when shopping. Bring your own bag and reduce waste.

If you must use plastic bags, make sure to recycle them at your grocery store.



**Recycle** plastic, paper, glass, metal and electronics - keep it out of our landfills.

There are items from every room in your home that can be recycled.



**Be a good example! Pick up any litter** that you see. Organize a group event with your friends or neighborhood.

Join NextDoor in your neighborhood and get a conversation going.







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## LITTERING: THE UGLY TRUTH

When it rains, litter washes into Hewletts and Bradley Creeks. Animals can mistake litter for food, get entangled or feed it to their young. Cigarette butts leave harmful chemicals in our waterways. The average piece of plastic takes 450 years to degrade.

Litter is ugly, can cause flooding, and can be costly to pick-up. Nobody wants to look at a pile of garbage!

## See the front for more tips on how you can help heal our waterways.

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