

BUTTS & VAPES ARE A WASTE!

DID YOU KNOW

766,571 metric tons of cigarette butts make their way into the environment every year. **We have a butt problem.**

75% of smokers throw their cigarette butts on the ground or out of a car window.



In a laboratory study, the chemicals from a single cigarette butt that soaked for 24 hours in a liter of water released enough toxins to kill 50 percent of the fish exposed to it.



It's not just the butts...cigarette lighters and cigarette/vape packaging create additional waste.



Cigarette butts are the number one most littered item in America.



Vape pods/cartridges are single-use products that lead to plastic, electronic, and chemical waste. Their manufacturers do not provide guidance to consumers on how to properly dispose of/recycle used devices or pods/cartridges.



Butts kill animals!
Cigarette butts are not biodegradable and often get eaten by wildlife.



Lithium-ion batteries found in vapes have been known to explode and cause fires in garbage trucks and waste management plants if damaged or exposed to extreme heat.

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WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP?

DON'T SMOKE/VAPE. Help those who smoking/vaping quit. Get info at QuitWithUsLa.org.
Join Next Era to advocate for changes to tobacco policies.

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