



# Cigarette Litter in America

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## FORM OF LITTER.

Cigarette butts are the most frequently littered item in America.

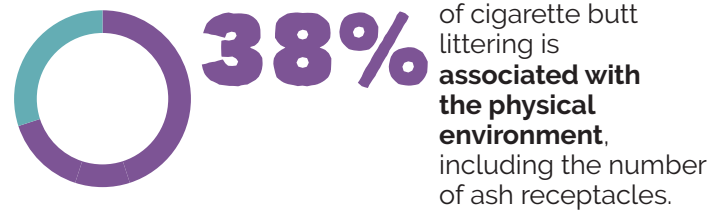


Keep America Beautiful's Cigarette Litter Prevention Program has reduced cigarette butt litter by an average of **50%** in the 1,700 communities in which it's been implemented since 2002.

## CIGARETTE BUTTS DON'T DISAPPEAR

**95%** of cigarette filters are comprised of **cellulose acetate**, a plastic which can persist in the environment.

## CIGARETTE BUTTS ARE



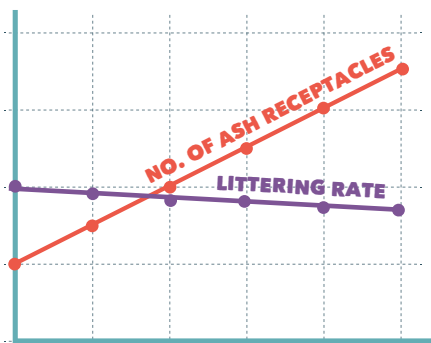
Reduction in cigarette butt litter tends to help **REDUCE OVERALL LITTER.**



**41%** of smokers report that they **do not have receptacles** for cigarette butts at their work.



**30%** of smokers **admitted to littering** within last 30 days. (3x higher than non-smokers)\*



For every additional ash receptacle, the littering rate decreases by

**9%**

For more information visit [PreventCigaretteLitter.org](http://PreventCigaretteLitter.org)

Sources: The 2009 National Visible Litter Survey and Litter Cost Study prepared by MidAtlantic Solid Waste Consultants for Keep America Beautiful, Inc. and Povaddo Research for Keep America Beautiful, 2016 Research reports and an executive summary can be downloaded at [kab.org/resources/end-littering](http://kab.org/resources/end-littering). Keep America Beautiful Inc. 2009 national litter and littering behavior research were conducted through a grant from Philip Morris USA, an Altria Company. All contents Copyright 2017 Keep America Beautiful, Inc. - [www.kab.org](http://www.kab.org).