



# YOUR BUTTS

LITTERFREE**LB**.ORG



# CAN YOUR BUTTS


## Did You Know?

**65%** of cigarette butts become litter 

Tobacco products make up over one **3rd** of all litter found on U.S. roadways, public spaces, beaches and waterways. 

Clean up is **COSTLY...**

**\$419** million annually in California 

Cigarette waste is **TOXIC** and **NOT** biodegradable.  They leach chemicals into the environment and are poisonous to children and wildlife if ingested.

## How Can Businesses Help?

- Provide and maintain cigarette receptacles to prevent littering.  
*38% of cigarette litter is associated with the number of ash trays available and the amount of existing litter. For every added receptacle, the littering rate decreases by 9%.*
- Provide receptacles in employee smoking areas.  
*41% of employees who smoke report that there are not cigarette receptacles at their workplace.*
- Go green! Consider recycling cigarette waste.  
*Terracycle.com has a free program for businesses to ship cigarette waste to be recycled into products like plastic pallets. Even the tobacco and ash are recycled via composting!*

## It's the Law!

*Any retail establishment which sells tobacco products, or alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises, shall provide and empty a tobacco waste receptacle in each area of the establishment where smoking is lawfully permitted (LBMC 8.60.270 B).*

*All businesses, property owners and/or tenants are required to maintain their properties and adjacent areas, including sidewalks, streets, gutters, catch basins and alleys free of rubbish of any kind (LBMC 8.60.260).*

CITY OF  
**LONG BEACH**

 Long Beach Recycles

 @lbrecycles