

# St. Tammany Parish Litter Prevention Report Form

Frustrated by litter thrown or blown from cars and trucks? What about businesses and homeowners who let their trash pile up in violation of local laws. In addition to police officers, justices of the peace and constables can cite violators with fines and can require litter violators to clean up the litter and do community service work. What can you do? Report litter violators.

## What is illegal?

Basically every form of littering is prohibited by parish and state ordinances.

Here is a summary of what the ordinances cover:

- Throwing, dumping or placing any waste item or other material on public property, the right of way or private property without the owner's permission.
- Allowing anything to escape from a vehicle - all trash and other material transported in a commercial or privately owned vehicle must be completely enclosed, covered by a tarp or otherwise secured.
- Trash on commercial or private property must be kept in a sealed container. There is nothing in the building code that exempts construction and demolition sites from these laws.

## Making a Report

When you see littering occur, all you need to do is record the information in the form below and give it to a police officer, justice of the peace or constable. If you would rather report the information by phone, call your justice of the peace and explain as much as you can about the incident.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date and time you saw the littering occur:

Type of incident:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Litter from a private vehicle
- \_\_\_\_\_ Litter from a commercial vehicle
- \_\_\_\_\_ Overflowing commercial dumpster
- \_\_\_\_\_ Unsecured household trash
- \_\_\_\_\_ Unsecured trash on construction site
- \_\_\_\_\_ Name found on litter during cleanup or at dump site
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Location of incident (example: street location, address of home or business):

\_\_\_\_\_ Describe the litter:

\_\_\_\_\_ For commercial vehicles or property, name of the company/company identification:

\_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle license plate number and state:

\_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle year, make and model (example: 1987 Honda Accord):

\_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle color and body type (example: blue 4 door):

\_\_\_\_\_ Other vehicle identifier (example: dented left fender, company identification, etc.):

\_\_\_\_\_ Select one of the following for littering from a vehicle:

- \_\_\_\_\_ The incident did not involve a vehicle.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The litter was deliberately thrown or dumped from the vehicle.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The litter fell or was blown from the vehicle.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I could not tell how the litter left the vehicle.

\_\_\_\_\_ Name and address on the litter:

\_\_\_\_\_ Your name:

\_\_\_\_\_ Your phone number:

\_\_\_\_\_ Your street address:

\_\_\_\_\_ Your City, State, Zip Code