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Civics 4 Kids!

# Litter



**Litter** is waste that is discarded or tossed in an inappropriate place, such as a street, playground, parking lot, or lake.

It is important to organize your garbage, recycling and organics. There are different types of bins for each – a grey bin for garbage, a blue bin for recycling, and a green bin for organics, also known as food waste. It is also important to help keep your community and the environment clean by not littering.

**Beautification:** The process of making a particular place, area, or thing, more visually appealing.

**Community:** The people, places, and things which make up the area in which we live and work.

**Eyesore:** An area or building made visually unattractive by graffiti, litter, overgrown weeds, or accumulation of trash.

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Try sorting the images below by marking them with different shapes or different colours.



For garbage, use a **circle** or mark it with **grey**.



For recycling, use a **triangle** or mark it with **blue**.



For organics/food waste, use a **square** or mark it with **green**.



Milk Carton



Juice Box



Banana Peel



Toilet Paper



Pomegranate



Paper Party Invitation



Q-tips



Avocado



## Discussion Points

- Litter makes the environment look...

- An area I think should be beautified is...

- I can keep my community clean by...

# Answer Key

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It is okay if the child does not know the answers, and you can help them by talking through the answers below.

### Litter Sorting:

Garbage – Q-tips, Toilet Paper

Recycling – Paper Party Invitation, Milk Carton, Juice Box

Organics/Food Waste – Banana Peel, Pomegranate, Avocado

### Discussion Points:

*Litter makes the environment look...*

Answers will vary but may include unattractive, uncared for, or dirty. Encourage students to think about what it would be like if someone left trash in their backyard or outside their front door. Explain that it is important not to litter when you are out in public, and it is also important to sort your waste properly at home by using garbage, recycling and green bins.

*An area I think should be beautified is...*

Answers will vary but may include a park, parking lot or area around an apartment building, house, community centre or school where they have seen graffiti, overgrown plants, or lots of garbage.

*I can keep my community clean by...*

Answers will vary but may include picking up trash (around your house, apartment building or school), not littering and not vandalizing or doing graffiti. Encourage child to tell their parents or teachers when they see lots of garbage, overgrown plants, or graffiti.