

## GREEN BUSINESS CHECKLIST

Does your business contribute to a clean and healthy environment in Rockland?

### Outdoors:

- Y  N Are litter and/or cigarette receptacles located at entrances/exits to the buildings, grounds, and in parking lots?
- Y  N Are parking lots, sidewalks and driveways swept and trash receptacles emptied regularly?

- Y  N Are signs posted, asking customers to help keep your property clean?

- Y  N Are grass borders, fences and landscaped areas cleaned regularly?

- Y  N Is the area around loading docks and dumpsters kept free of litter?

- Y  N Are doors and lids of dumpsters kept closed to prevent spillage?

- Y  N Are company trucks that carry loose material properly covered/secured?

### Indoors:

- Y  N Are trashcans/ashtrays conveniently located for employees and visitors and are they emptied when needed?

- Y  N Are public areas regularly cleaned of litter and trash?

- Y  N Does your office recycle?

## BUSINESSES PRODUCE WASTE!

The United States produces nearly 210 million tons of garbage every year. Of that ...

**Offices:** The typical business generates about 1.7 pounds of waste per employee per day, much of it as recyclable paper.

**Retail businesses** generate about 4 pounds of mixed waste per employee each day, mostly as boxes and packing materials.

**Food services** such as restaurants and delis generate an average of 14 pounds of trash per employee per day, often as boxes, crates, plastic, foil and glass.

### Stormwater Education Program

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# Keep Your Business Property Clean & Safe



## *It's the Law!*



## KEEP YOUR PROPERTY CLEAN

Your town, village and many other organizations are working hard to keep litter and other eyesores off of public streets and out of streams. When it rains, stormwater carries litter and pollutants into streams. This litter clogs drainage ditches and may cause flooding and erosion, in addition to polluting drinking water, reducing property values and deterring shoppers!



## DISPOSE OF CHEMICALS PROPERLY

That grate in the street, along the curb, goes directly to streams and ponds – NOT to a water treatment plant. NEVER pour anything down there! Try to keep your parking lots and the gutter clean to prevent litter, motor oil, and other chemicals from washing down there.



## HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY

Take unwanted chemicals and electronics to the Rockland County Household Hazardous Waste Facility in Pomona for safe disposal. It's the perfect solution!

Call (845) 364-2444 ext. 6  
for information or visit  
[www.rcswma.org/authority/hhw.html](http://www.rcswma.org/authority/hhw.html)

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

- ✓ Teach your employees to put all trash where it belongs – in the trash can.
- ✓ Be sure there are plenty of trash receptacles on your property, easily accessible to your customers.
- ✓ Cover trash cans and dumpsters with lids to stop animals and wind from spreading litter.
- ✓ Report litter, dumping and graffiti by calling *The Litter Hotline*: (845) 708-9164.
- ✓ Be a role model – pick up litter when you see it.
- ✓ Recycle in your workplace.

Don't pour chemicals such as motor oil and other auto fluids, paint, cleansers, cooking grease, photographic chemicals, or pesticides down the drain or toilet.

Wastewater treatment facilities are designed to treat **organic** materials, not hazardous chemicals. Some of these materials can clog pipes and cause raw sewage to overflow in your building or parking lots. Many can interfere with the wastewater treatment process and could result in pollutants being discharged into local streams, rivers, ponds or lakes.

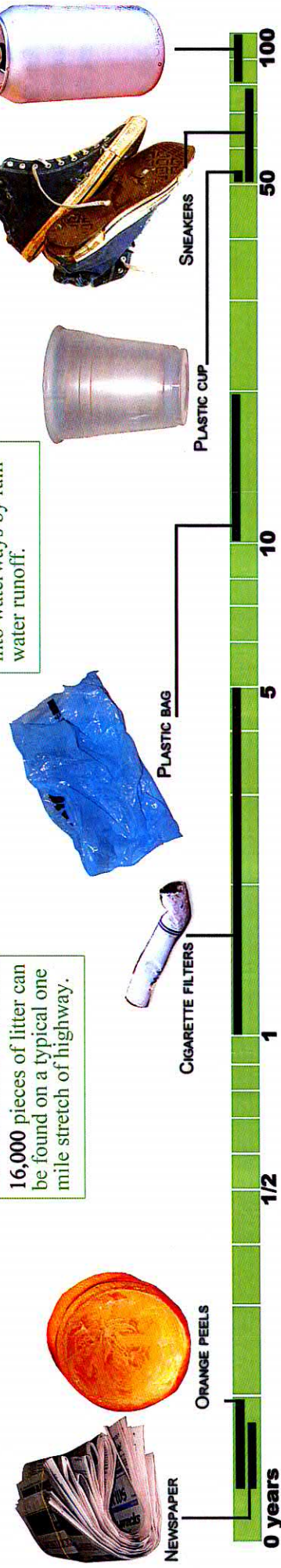
## WHERE DOES LITTER COME FROM?

Businesses can control some of these seven main sources of litter ...

- Motorists
- Pedestrians
- Uncovered trucks hauling loose material
- Household trash
- Commercial and business trash
- Loading dock refuse
- Construction site materials

## LITTER LASTS A LONG TIME

18% of all litter is swept into waterways by rain water runoff.



16,000 pieces of litter can be found on a typical one mile stretch of highway.