



GreenTip
How Do You Measure Up?



Help Keep North Carolina Clean – Swat a Litterbug!

From the mountains in the west to the beaches in the east, and right here in Guilford County, North Carolina has some beautiful scenery. It's a shame that even our loveliest views are marred by roadside litter. You see it everywhere you travel – fast food bags, soda cans, plastic water bottles and cigarette butts dot the landscape of our towns, cities and rural areas. Each year, millions of dollars are spent in an effort to clean up this mess.

What Can You Do?

You don't litter. You make it a point to nag your family, friends and neighbors about littering. Perhaps you've even signed up with the Adopt-A-Highway program and you help clean up roadside litter. Your personal behavior makes a big difference in the quality of our environment – thank you!

Now you can help influence the behavior of litterbugs by participating in the **Swat A Litterbug Program**, sponsored by the North Carolina Department of Transportation. When you see someone littering, simply make a note of their North Carolina license plate number. Later, when you get home, you can report the litterbug online [click here](#) or by telephone (1-877-DOT-4YOU).

Your report will trigger a formal notice, signed by the Colonel of the State Highway Patrol, to be sent to the litterbug. This letter will notify the vehicle owner of the littering offense, inform him or her of the penalties for littering and urge the litterbug to stop the unacceptable behavior. Some folks just need to be informed or reminded that the end of our littering problem in North Carolina can begin with their **personal commitment** to stop.

For More Information

Check the Swat-A-Litterbug website: [click here](#)

