

Keeping our communities clean

I have done some traveling in my past days. I've seen a lot of places in the cities, neighborhoods and country living areas filthy. I can't stand a filthy community. One thing I hate with a passion. When you go fishing at the lake, river or pond it's polluted with all kinds of trash and old bottles. Oh my God littering just because they feel like they can. I guess. To me that is sad when you have all those trash cans available. People we need to keep our community clean ~~for~~ for our health's safety. A lot of pollution etc. can cause health problems amongst other things. I have a question why are we still holding onto these abandon buildings and then down houses. Everybody want to complain about oh that's the crack house or a place for criminals to go. If you're not going to utilize something why not destroy it. Why are we keeping these yards full of junk, old furniture, cars not being used or fixed and trash all in these ditches. Some people don't even keep their yards mowed and clean. ~~An~~ Litter is a big problem in a lot of communities. What is so hard about putting your trash in the garbage. Not a thing. I can reflect back when I was growing up. My mom and dad would have us on Saturday's to go pick up trash, bottles in our surrounding neighborhood. Listen people a little community service will not hurt you. It's up to you to keep your ~~yard~~ ^{and} yards, town and neighborhoods clean. Now let's visit the serious side of the talk. Littering public or private property or waters; enforcing personal O.C.G.A 16-7-43

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to dump, deposit, throw or leave or to cause to permit the dumping, deposit, placing or leaving of litter on any public or private property in this state or any waters in this state unless

- (1.) The area is designated by the state or by any of its agencies or political subdivisions for the disposal of litter ~~or disposal~~ and the person is authorized by the proper public authority to so ~~use~~ use such area
- (2.) The litter is placed into nondisposable litter receptacle or container designed for the temporary storage of litter and located in an area designated by the owner or tenant in lawful possession of the property or

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- (B.) The person is the owner or tenant in lawful possession of such property or has first obtained consent of the owner or tenant in lawful possession unless threat is done under the personal direction of the owner or tenant, all in a manner consistent with the public welfare
- (C.) (1.) any person who violates subsection (a) of this code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor
- (2.) In addition to the punishment provided under paragraph (1.) of this subsection
- (A.) In the sound discretion of the court the person may be directed to pick up and remove from any public street or highway or public right of way for a distance not to exceed one mile any litter the person has deposited and any and all litter deposited there on by anyone else prior to the date of execution of sentence; or
- (B.) In the sound discretion of the judge of the court, the person may be directed to pick up and remove from any public beach, public park, private right of way or with the prior permission of the legal owner or tenant in lawful possession of such property, any private property upon which it can be established by competent evidence that the person has deposited litter, any and all litter deposited there on by anyone prior to the date of execution of sentence
- (C.) The court may publish the names of persons convicted of violating section (a) of this code section

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