

TITLE: [LITTER](#)  
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DEFINITION: Waste discarded or disposed of in a location not that is not designated for waste.  
PURPOSE: None  
NAME VARIANTS: Garbage; Trash; Refuse; Debris; Rubbish  
COMMON MATERIALS: Paper; Metal; Plastics; Organic; Wood; Foam; Cardboard; Rubber; Large furniture; Appliances  
COMMON COMPONENTS: Paper; Metal; Plastics; Organic; Wood; Foam; Cardboard; Rubber; Large furniture; Appliances  
LOCATION:  Unit      None  
 Inside      Floors, near trash chutes  
 Outside      Ground, near trash receptacles (e.g., public trash cans and dumpsters)  
MORE INFORMATION: None

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DEFICIENCY 1: Litter is accumulated in an undesignated area  
LOCATION:  Inside       Outside

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DEFICIENCY I — INSIDE: [LITTER IS ACCUMULATED IN AN UNDESIGNATED AREA](#)

DEFICIENCY CRITERIA: 10 or more small items of litter (e.g., food wrappers, pieces of food, newspapers) are present within a 10-foot by 10-foot area not designated for garbage.

OR

Any number of large items (e.g., furniture or appliances) have been clearly discarded in an area not designated for garbage.

HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION: Standard This is a standard health and safety issue. A repair, correction, or act of abatement for this deficiency should occur within 30 days.

CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: Within 30 days

HCV — CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: Within 30 days

RATIONALE:

CODE	CATEGORY	TYPE	DESCRIPTION	EXPLANATION
R1	Health	Direct	Condition could affect resident's mental, or physical, or psychological state.	If litter has accumulated, then it may lead to infestation which may negatively impact the resident's health.
R3	Sanitary	Direct	Special sub-set of health hazards related to hygiene. Resident cannot clean or dispose of waste or does not have clean drinking water.	If litter has accumulated, then the resident may be exposed to unsanitary conditions.
M2	Routine Maintenance	Direct	It is reasonable to expect that this deficiency would be identified through routine daily observations and facilities management would prioritize work orders to fix this deficiency.	If litter has accumulated, then it will likely be identified during routine maintenance activities and the presence of this defect may indicate that self-generated work orders are not being addressed.
PPI	Market Appeal	Indirect	If this defect occurs, HUD or the property would suffer reputational harm.	If litter has accumulated, and it is visible to a visitor, then the property may suffer reputational harm.

INSPECTION PROCESS:

- OBSERVATION: - Look for garbage or litter in undesignated area.  
 - Identify small items of litter in undesignated area.  
 - Identify any number of large items clearly discarded in undesignated area.
- REQUEST FOR HELP: - None
- ACTION: - Measure a 10 ft. x 10 ft. area around the densest accumulation of litter.

- Count the number of items of litter within the measured area.
- Do not count beyond 10 items of litter.

More Information: - None

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TOOLS OR EQUIPMENT:

REQUIRED: - Distance measuring device

USEFUL: - None

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DEFICIENCY I — OUTSIDE: [LITTER IS ACCUMULATED IN AN UNDESIGNATED AREA](#)

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HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION: N/A — C&A      N/A — Condition and appearance  
 CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: N/A      To be remedied according to property maintenance plan.  
 HCV — CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: N/A      To be remedied according to property maintenance plan.

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INSPECTION PROCESS:

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- REQUEST FOR HELP: - None
- ACTION: - Measure a 10 ft. x 10 ft. area around the densest accumulation of litter.  
 - Count the number of items of litter within the measured area.  
 - Do not count beyond 10 items of litter.
- More Information: - None

TOOLS OR EQUIPMENT:

- REQUIRED: - Distance measuring device
- USEFUL: - None

## SUMMARY OF CHANGES

TITLE: LITTER  
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FIELD	CHANGE	VERSION	DATE
Overall Formatting	Complete rework of document format and layout	VI.3	2020-07-31
Purpose	Field added	VI.3	2020-07-31
Name Variants	Revised name variants	VI.3	2020-07-31
Common Materials	Revised common materials	VI.3	2020-07-31
Common Components	Revised common components	VI.3	2020-07-31
Location	Revised inspectable locations	VI.3	2020-07-31
More Information	Field added	VI.3	2020-07-31
Deficiency I	Separated by inspectable locations – Inside and Outside	VI.3	2020-07-31
Title	Added inspectable locations		
Deficiency Criteria	Revised deficiency criteria		
Health and Safety Determination	Inside: Revised to “Standard” determination; added standardized description Outside: Revised to “N/A – C&A” determination; added standardized description		
Correction Timeframe	Inside: response input as “Within 30 days” Outside: response input as “N/A”; to be remedied according to maintenance plan		
HCV – Correction Timeframe	Inside: response input as “Within 30 days” Outside: response input as “N/A”; to be remedied according to maintenance plan		
Rationale	Revised rationale categories, types, and explanations; added standardized codes and descriptions		
Inspection Process	Revised observation, request for help, action, and more information		
Tools or Equipment	Field added to deficiency		
Rationales	Updated following in-house review and public comment	VI-2	2019-12-26
Health and Safety Determinations	Updated following in-house review and public comment	VI-2	2019-12-26