

Litter

Definition: Waste discarded or disposed of in a location not that is not designated for waste

Name
Variants: garbage, trash, refuse

Most
Common
Materials: paper, metal, plastic, organic, wood, foam, cardboard, rubber, large furniture materials and appliances

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Components: discarded food and food items, paper, plastic, cups, bottles, cans, large furniture, tires, appliances

Location & Inspection of Litter

Abilities or Knowledge Needed:

- Visual acuity for location & inspection
- Mobility for access to all areas of the property

Tools for Location & Inspection

Useful:	n/a
Required:	measuring tape

Common Locations:

Unit/Inside:	floors anywhere, near trash chutes
Outside:	ground anywhere, near trash receptacles such as public trash cans and Dumpsters

How to Locate:

Visual Observation:	Look in common locations on floor and ground.
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Possible:

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Rationale:	Maintenance:	Indicates maintenance staff is not identifying deficiencies or responding to self-generated or complaint-driven work orders.
	Health and Safety:	Increases probability of tripping or cutting injury. Increases exposure to unsanitary conditions, leading to infection and disease. Increase probability of infestation.
	Public Perception:	Indicates poor quality of property.
Health and Safety	Standard:	This is a standard health and safety issue. A repair, correction, or act of abatement for this deficiency should occur within 30 days.
How to Inspect:	Visual Observation:	Look at floors and ground in areas undesignated for garbage for litter.
	Action:	Measure a 10 ft. x 10 ft. area around where the densest accumulation of litter is present using a measuring device. Count the number of items of litter within the measured area. Do not count beyond 10 items of litter.
Record deficiency if:		10 or more small items of litter—such as food wrappers, pieces of food, newspapers—are present within a 10 ft. x 10 ft. area not designated for garbage, or if any number of large items—such as furniture and appliance—have been clearly discarded in an area not designated for garbage.