

**TITLE:** LITTER  
**VERSION:** V3.0  
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**DEFINITION:** Waste discarded or disposed of in a location that is not designated for waste.  
**PURPOSE:** None  
**COMMON COMPONENTS:** Paper; Metal; Plastics; Organic; Wood; Foam; Cardboard; Rubber; Large furniture; Appliances  
**LOCATION:**  Unit None  
 Inside Throughout the inside  
 Outside Throughout the outside  
**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.**

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**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.

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**HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION:** Moderate      The Moderate Health and Safety category includes deficiencies that, if evident in the home or on the property, present a moderate risk of an adverse medical event requiring a healthcare visit; cause temporary harm; or if left untreated, cause or worsen a chronic condition that may have long-lasting adverse health effects; or that the physical security or safety of a resident or their property could be compromised.

**CORRECTION TIMEFRAME:** 30 days  
**HCV PASS / FAIL:** Fail  
**HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME:** 30 days

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**INSPECTION PROCESS:**

- OBSERVATION:**
- Look for garbage or litter in undesignated areas.
  - Identify small items of litter in undesignated areas.
  - Identify any number of large items clearly discarded in undesignated areas.
- REQUEST FOR HELP:** - None
- ACTION:**
- Measure a 10-foot x 10-foot 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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DEFICIENCY I — OUTSIDE: LITTER IS ACCUMULATED IN AN UNDESIGNATED AREA.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION: Low Deficiencies critical to habitability but not presenting a substantive health or safety risk to resident.

CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 60 days

HCV PASS / FAIL: Pass

HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: N/A

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REQUEST FOR HELP: - None

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