

TITLE: [LITTER](#)

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DEFINITION: Waste discarded or disposed of in a location 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      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.

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 The Standard 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

RATIONALE:

CODE	CATEGORY	TYPE	DESCRIPTION	EXPLANATION
R1	Health	Direct	Condition could affect resident's mental, or physical, or psychological state.	If litter is 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 is 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 is accumulated, then it will likely be identified during routine maintenance activities and the presence of this deficiency 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 is 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 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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**TOOLS OR EQUIPMENT:**

**REQUIRED:** - Distance measuring device

**USEFUL:** - None

DEFICIENCY I — OUTSIDE: LITTER IS ACCUMULATED IN AN UNDESIGNATED AREA.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION: N/A Deficiencies critical to habitability but not presenting a substantive health or safety risk to resident.  
 CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: N/A  
 HCV PASS / FAIL: Pass  
 HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: N/A

RATIONALE:

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- 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.  
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- 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
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<b>Deficiency I – Inside</b>		V2.0	2020-10-28
Health and Safety Determination	Added standardized description		
HCV Pass / Fail	Field added; response input as “Fail”		
<b>Deficiency I – Outside</b>		V2.0	2020-10-28
Health and Safety Determination	Revised to “N/A”		
Health and Safety Determination	Added standardized description		
HCV Pass / Fail	Field added; response input as “Pass”		
<b>Overall Formatting</b>	<b>Complete rework of document format and layout</b>	V1.3	2020-07-31
<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Field added</b>	V1.3	2020-07-31
<b>Name Variants</b>	<b>Revised name variants</b>	V1.3	2020-07-31
<b>Common Materials</b>	<b>Revised common materials</b>	V1.3	2020-07-31
<b>Common Components</b>	<b>Revised common components</b>	V1.3	2020-07-31
<b>Location</b>	<b>Revised inspectable locations</b>	V1.3	2020-07-31
<b>More Information</b>	<b>Field added</b>	V1.3	2020-07-31
<b>Deficiency I</b>	<b>Separated by inspectable locations – Inside and Outside</b>	V1.3	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		
<b>Rationales</b>	<b>Updated following in-house review and public comment</b>	<b>VI-2</b>	<b>2019-12-26</b>
<b>Health and Safety Determinations</b>	<b>Updated following in-house review and public comment</b>	<b>VI-2</b>	<b>2019-12-26</b>