

NO IFS, ANDS, OR BUTTS!

A Tobacco Product Waste Factsheet

The Big Picture



Tobacco is not only a health issue, but an environmental issue! According to a study conducted by the California Department of Transportation, cigarette butts makeup 34% of total waste captured in California.



Tobacco Product Waste and the Environment



In 2019, cigarette butts were the most littered item in U.S. beaches.

Tobacco litter is carried as runoff to streams, rivers, beaches, and will eventually reach the ocean.

Nicotine, pesticide residues, and heavy metals are acutely toxic to fish and other aquatic wildlife.

Cigarette filters are made of cellulose acetate, a non-biodegradable plastic. When cigarette filters breakdown they create microplastics which harm aquatic life.

Tobacco product waste is acutely toxic when ingested. As little as two butts can cause nicotine toxicity in a small dog.

Tobacco product waste doesn't end at cigarettes! Lithium ion batteries found in e-cigarettes have been known to explode and cause fires.

We need your help!



SIERRA CLUB

Sierra Club is recruiting young adults between the ages of 18 and 25 who are passionate about environmental justice and ending the destructive legacy of tobacco product waste. Young advocates will have the opportunity to get involved in many events, including annual planning summits to coordinate an Environmental Justice in Tobacco Control conference and Statewide Day of Action.

To Apply here:

<https://act.sierraclub.org/actions/California?actionId=AR0330721> OR



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