

# A Guide to Litter Picking

**Are you too fed up with the quantity of litter you see wherever you go? Why not help to solve this problem and improve the world for you and others by simply picking the litter up and disposing of it appropriately?**

**If we all did this, there would be little litter left which would discourage others from dropping litter in the first place as littering is often more common in sites that were already littered.**

## Litter picking tips:

- Be brave and just do it! You are doing the world a favour.
- Always have a bag(s) with you to put the litter in as it can be wet and dirty.
- When collecting have one bag for recyclables and one for general waste.
- Always have at least one glove with you to protect your hand\hands, even if you have a litter picker, i.e. gardening glove, surgical glove, waterproof glove or simply a glove you use to keep your hands warm.
- If you are out specifically to pick litter up wear something reflective\illuminated or even a high-vis garment so you can be seen easily by passing drivers.
- Dispose of the litter you have collected into appropriate waste bins, or take it to the recycling centre.
- Do not collect too much in one go. If there is more litter than you can collect\transport easily, leave some of it and return another time.
- Don't touch anything that looks (or smells) dodgy; don't intentionally touch dog poo, medical waste, syringes, used nappies and other similar articles.
- Avoid and report hazardous-looking materials such as chemicals, needles and other sharps, large broken items of any sort or anything that looks dodgy. **Do not** attempt to collect these yourself, instead report it to the council at [eaststaffsbc.gov.uk/environmental-health/](http://eaststaffsbc.gov.uk/environmental-health/) or 01283 508506 or [community.civil\\_enforcement@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk](mailto:community.civil_enforcement@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk)
- Always wash/sanitise your hands as soon and as often as you can.

**If you can collect a little litter each time you see it, you can help to make a big difference to our town and reduce damage to our environment.**

## Don't have litter picking equipment?

Borrow them from The Globe Foundation's Litter-Pick-Lending Library, just pop in and book the equipment out for the day.  
[globofoundation.org.uk](http://globofoundation.org.uk)

