

LitterBlitz

Iowa City Litter Crew



A field guide to some of the most common litter you may encounter.



Type: Cigarette Butts

Habitat: Look for these tiny but prolific pests in parking-lot corners and along the curbs at intersections.

Behavior: Where you see one, you'll usually find more. Butts like to collect together in protected corners, often nestled with assorted other debris.

Common varieties: Camel, Marlboro, LM



Type: Water Bottles

Habitat: Playgrounds and sport fields, as well as near schools and bus routes.

Behavior: A baseline population present in low numbers along migration routes, with irruptions coinciding with sporting events and other human outdoor activities. Individuals often shed their labels.

Common varieties: Great Value, Kirkland, Hyvee



Type: Shooters

Habitat: Convenience stores and gas stations attract these miniature menaces.

Behavior: Not communal, though can often be found in close proximity to others.

Common varieties: Fireball, 99, Smirnoff, Tito's



Type: Alcohol Cans

Habitat: Along roadsides and ditches. Large numbers may often assemble at the intersections of creeks and pedestrian bridges, as well as stormwater traps.

Behavior: Generally solitary and sporadic, but given the right conditions large numbers of diverse varieties may assemble.

Common varieties: Busch Light, Modelo, Cutwater



Type: Fast Food Trio

Habitat: Roadsides and parking lots.

Behavior: You might spot one, two, or three of these individuals in varying combinations of cup, straw, lid. Straw + lid often strike out on their own away from cup.

Common varieties: McDonald's, Casey's, Taco Bell, Maverik

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