

Tobacco Product Waste 101



What is Tobacco Product Waste (TPW) ?

After tobacco product are consumed, what is left is what we call tobacco product waste. Examples are cigarette butts, product packaging, plastic, heavy metals, lead, arsenic, and nicotine.

**More than
75 Million pounds**

of tobacco product waste are collected each year in the U.S.

Hazards of Unsafe Disposal of TPW for environment and individuals

Cigarette butts cause pollution to rivers, beaches and oceans. It is toxic to fish and microorganisms. Cigarette butts can also seep out chemicals into the soil which slows the growth and kills plants.

Also, misfeeding animals with tobacco product waste may lead to the animals failing to regurgitate these foods, which can lead to them feeling full and experience nutritional deficiencies because of this.



How to dispose of tobacco products safely

The proper and recommended way to dispose of tobacco products is to make sure to put out or turn off the tobacco product, store it in a cool place, and dispose of them in bins. Electronic smoking devices should be taken to drop off sites that are exclusively for hazardous waste.

