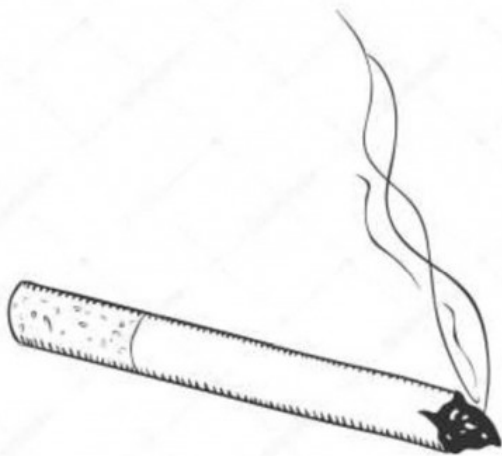


Earth Day 2021: USA's Smokers, Gen-Z'ers, Fast Foodies, Construction Workers prone to Littering

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PROFILED LITTERERS: Most Prone- Willing to Litter or Dump WASTES



District of Columbia, Washington, D.C, Apr 21, 2021 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.Issuewire.com)) - Cigarette smokers, those aged 16-25, devotees of fast food, and employees of construction and groundskeeping trades are the most inclined in America to litter virus-breeding wastes onto public spaces. Wastes that each year damage landscapes and human lives. This information comes as Thursday's Earth Day celebration occurs during a lingering pandemic, said **Steve Spacek**, director of the *American State Litter Scorecard* (litterscorecard.com) and a public performance specialist.

America's **Profiled Litterers**—persons prone to litter solid waste—are ascertained from the Transportation Research Board's *Reducing Litter on Roadsides*, by four decades of state litter studies, and observations from psychologist Francis McAndrew and journalist Alan Bisbort, Spacek said. Their findings gleaned **four consistent litterer groups**. **Cigarette Smokers** provide the number one solid waste thrown onto public spaces in America: filters ("butts"). High Schoolers, College Undergrads, and Youngest Adults make up **Generation Z**, the age 16-25 demographic long known to waste removers and litter researchers. **Fast Foodies** toss quick-served food packaging and beverage containers onto streets, sidewalks, parks, and waterways with little remorse. Last but not least, **Building Construction and Groundskeeper Employees** litter prominently as Foodies but add much more textiles, wood boards, sheetrock, electrical wiring, scrap metal, and windowpanes to a discarded mix.

In 2018 and 2020 Spacek reported on America's **"Ten Most Litter Polluted States" and "15 Biggest Most Litter Polluted Cities,"** noted for widespread waste litter capable of breeding, transmitting Covid -19. Spacek said the selections "gave readers a picture of which governments suffered the most from terrible, life-threatening environmental conditions." Data elements used in these measurements came from published sources: state and municipal -provided data, Busy Bee Cleaning, TRAVEL+LEIURE, US Census Bureau, and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Spacek asserts highest concentrations of the four *profiled litterer* groups should exist within specific "littered" governments. Using added numbers by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Business Insider*, and *Construction Dive*, he expects Pennsylvania and the Cities of Philadelphia, Indianapolis, Memphis, Nashville, and Detroit to be depositories for extreme **Cigarette waste**; Texas, Michigan, Georgia, South Carolina and Cities of San Antonio, Fort Worth, Atlanta, Memphis, and Los Angeles as epicenters for **Generation-Z littering**. **Fat Foodie litterbugs** may be most seen in Oklahoma, Indiana, Georgia, South Carolina, and in Memphis, Nashville, Indianapolis, Atlanta. And unwarranted discards from **Construction and Groundskeeper Workers** could be a waste prevailing problem for public spaces across New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Texas, Georgia, Michigan and at Los Angeles, Miami, New York City, Houston, San Antonio, Las Vegas, and Detroit.

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