

# New Jersey Clean Communities Litter Activity Book



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The activity book has been produced to educate youth about the harmful effects of litter on wildlife and the environment. Our mission is to reduce litter through education. Clean Communities are safe, healthy, sustainable communities.

Please do your part to make your community cleaner.

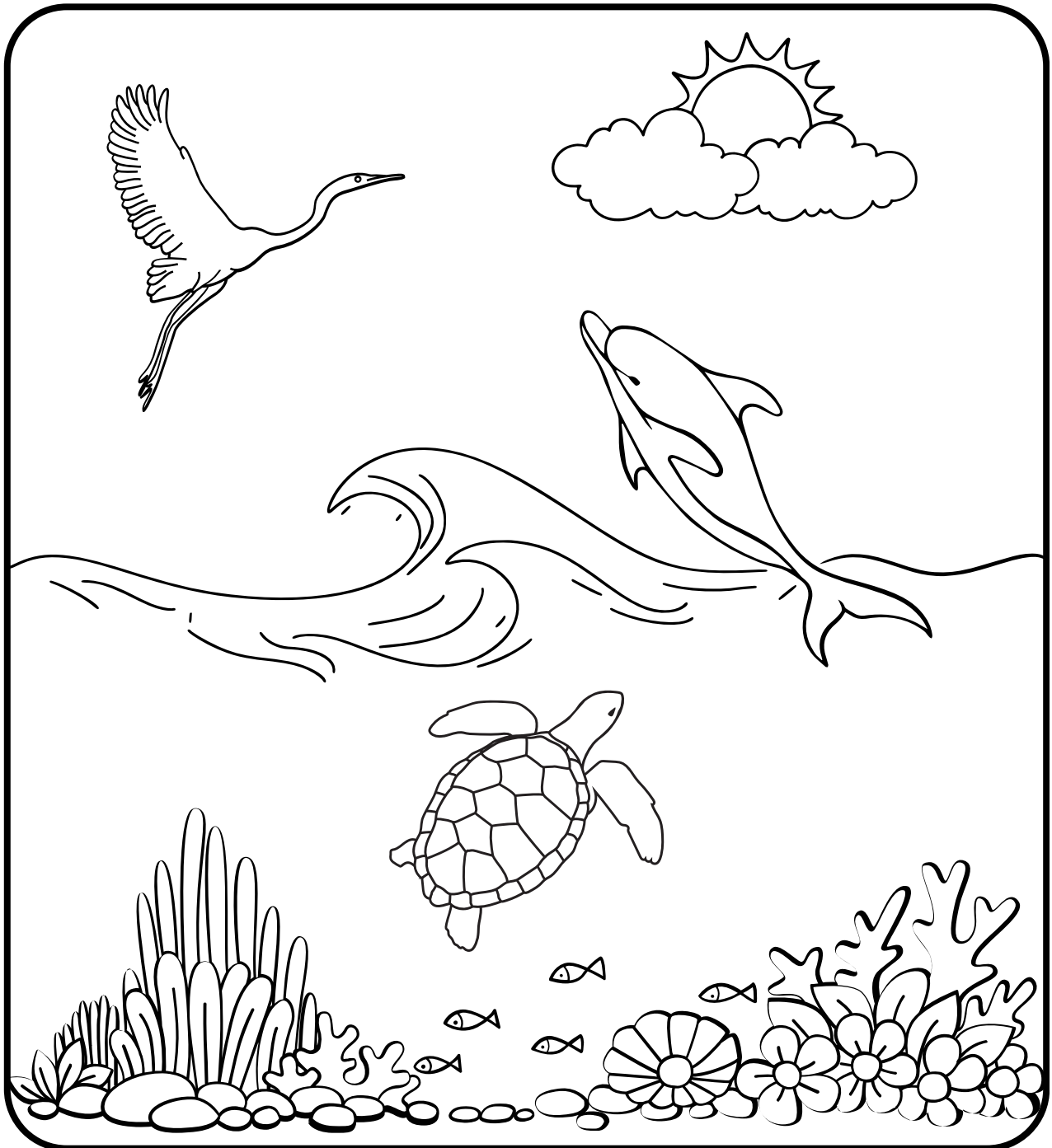


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# MAKE IT EARTH DAY EVERY DAY



Joining a Clean Communities Clean  
Up Event is a great way to save our  
wildlife from litter!

# Word Search

Directions: Find and circle all the listed words that are hidden in the grid. Words can be found in any direction.

U W Y A E J L K P P A Z L G L I O B R L X T A  
U G R M S V W Z E E D O I W I L D L I F E F E  
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Q I P O L L U T I O N Z A I T O G T K P O N T  
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V V J D H J Z L K L X L P P B Q R Q C O Z Q Q  
E H W D S D O X W V B R I L F A B W T K V Y P  
N Z T N E M N O R I V N E T Z S G W A S R J A  
R K G F H A L V B J J K O D T X S E H Y A O M  
J E Y W Y E S U E R S M O N U E C F R W S V D  
J B R P W S E A R T H Y N H Z C R Q B P X E K  
T F I P J C N H U V S J P I O J E W X B R R Y  
M R A Q N I V V X S V W Y W Q X Y W J Z A N A

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|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce  | <input type="checkbox"/> Pollution   | <input type="checkbox"/> Waterways |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reuse   | <input type="checkbox"/> Litter      | <input type="checkbox"/> Air       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recycle | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment | <input type="checkbox"/> Land      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Garbage | <input type="checkbox"/> Earth       | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife  |





# Reduce Your Waste

Directions: For each comparison, circle the most sustainable choice that will use less waste.

1



plastic water bottle

reusable water bottle

2



solid bar shampoo



shampoo in a bottle

3



reusable/washable straw



plastic disposable straw

4



disposable plastic bag



reusable bag

5



bamboo toothbrush



plastic toothbrush

6



composting food waste



food waste in garbage

7



buying used clothes at thrift stores



buying newly produced clothes

**Sustainability is about making positive changes to benefit our environment for the future of our world.**



Answer Key: 1. reusable water bottle 2. solid bar shampoo 3. reusable/washable straw 4. reusable bag 5. bamboo toothbrush 6. composting food waste 7. buying used clothes

# Cryptogram Message

Directions: Use the given key to decipher the sentence below.

## Key

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
17	7	9	21	25	5	11	22	1	18	8	4	19

N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
2	24	26	16	3	10	6	14	23	13	20	15	12

19 17 8 25

2 25 13      18 25 3 10 25 15

11 4 1 6 6 25 3 ,

9 17 2      6 22 25

4 1 6 6 25 3 !

Answer Key: Make New Jersey glitter, can the litter!




# Help NJ Put Litter in it's Place!

Directions: Get the empty plastic bottle to the recycling bin and the plastic straw to the garbage.





# How Litter Happens


Directions: The jumbled words are 5 examples of how litter happens. Unscramble the jumbles and write one letter in each box. Then arrange the greyed letter boxes to answer the final question.

1 iwdn →     

2 onocsar →        

3 rvfolowe →         

4 rcuaolkdts →           

5 toossritm →          

These are examples of ACCIDENTAL

6     e





# Crossword Puzzle

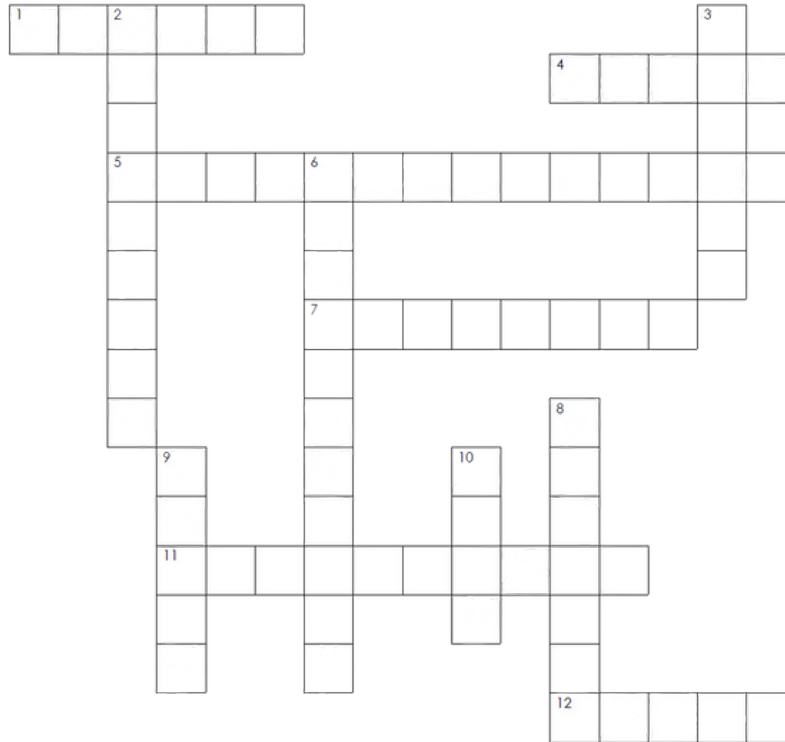
## Word Bank

ACCIDENTAL  
AWARENESS  
CLEANUP

HABIT  
HEALTH  
LITTER

OVERFLOWING  
PESTS  
RESPONSIBILITY

REUSABLE  
TRASH  
WIND



### Across

1. Litter can pose significant \_\_\_\_\_ risks to humans and wildlife.
4. Sometimes littering is simply a bad \_\_\_\_\_ someone has formed.
5. Helping to solve the litter problem is everyone's \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Use these types of bags instead of plastic bags to reduce waste.
11. Another name for unintentional litter.
12. Litter can attract bugs and \_\_\_\_\_ that can spread disease.

### Down

2. We can encourage people to dispose of waste properly by raising this.
3. Reducing waste through recycling, repairing, reusing, and buying less are all ways to help prevent this problem.
6. Improperly secured trash cans and \_\_\_\_\_ bins can all contribute to unintentional litter.
8. You can help join your community in reducing litter by participating in one of these.
9. If there is no garbage can close by, people will sometimes drop their \_\_\_\_\_ instead of holding onto it until finding a bin.
10. This natural element can blow garbage out of open bins.

Answer Key: 1. health 2. awareness 3. litter 4. habit 5. responsibility 6. overflowing 7. reusable 8. cleanup 9. trash 10. wind 11. accidental 12. pests



# Litter Facts

**Directions:** Answer the true/false, fill-in-the-blank, and multiple choice questions about litter below.

- 1 **True or False:** When balloons burst and land in the water, they look like jellyfish, which are turtles' favorite food.
  
- 2 Pet waste left on a lawn or on the street will get washed into our rivers and watersheds when rain falls through the \_\_\_\_\_ .
  
- 3 Instead of using a disposable straw, the more sustainable option would be to:
  - a. use a reusable straw
  - b. use a paper straw
  - c. Skip the Straw
  - d. any of the above
  
- 4 **True or False:** Cigarette butts are the number one littered item on US roadways and the number one item found on beaches and in waterways worldwide.
  
- 5 To avoid adding to plastic litter, keep the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ your plastic bottles when you recycle them.
  
- 6 How long does it take a plastic bag to decompose if littered?
  - a. up to 1 week
  - b. up to 10 month
  - c. up to 100 years
  - d. up to 1,000 years

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The NJ Clean Communities Council is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation whose mission is to reduce litter through education, cleanup and enforcement. The NJ Clean Communities Council also administers New Jersey's Adopt-a-Beach and Adopt-a-Highway programs.

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