

Cigarette butts are **toxic** marine debris.



Look for new
cigarette
receptacles at
Folly Beach
walkovers.

**NO BUTTS
ON THE
BEACH**

IN THE CAN,
NOT THE SAND.



For more information on this project visit:
www.scdhec.gov/CigaretteLitter

Did You Know...

- Over 100,000 cigarette butts have been collected from South Carolina beaches since 2010.
- Most cigarette filters are made of a plastic called cellulose acetate which degrades very slowly.
- Plastics exposed to sunlight and waves break down into smaller and more numerous microplastics. These tiny plastics may last hundreds to thousands of years.
- Birds, fish, sea turtles, and other wildlife may ingest plastic debris, including cigarette butts, which can lead to choking, poisoning, or blockage of the gut.
- Metals and harmful chemicals seep out of cigarette butts into surrounding water and threaten local marine life.



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