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# We Have a Right to a Clean City!

A Practical Guide to Trash Rights and  
Responsibilities in Philadelphia



# What's the big problem with trash?

Philadelphia is known as one of the dirtiest cities in the United States. Our city used to have trash pickup two times a week, but now that we're back to just one pickup per week the system isn't big enough to handle the amount of trash thrown out in the city. So where does it go? Too much of it goes to our streets!

Trash and litter often make people feel ashamed of where they live. Trash and litter also attract disease carrying vermin. It can be stressful and depressing to live in a "dirty" neighborhood.

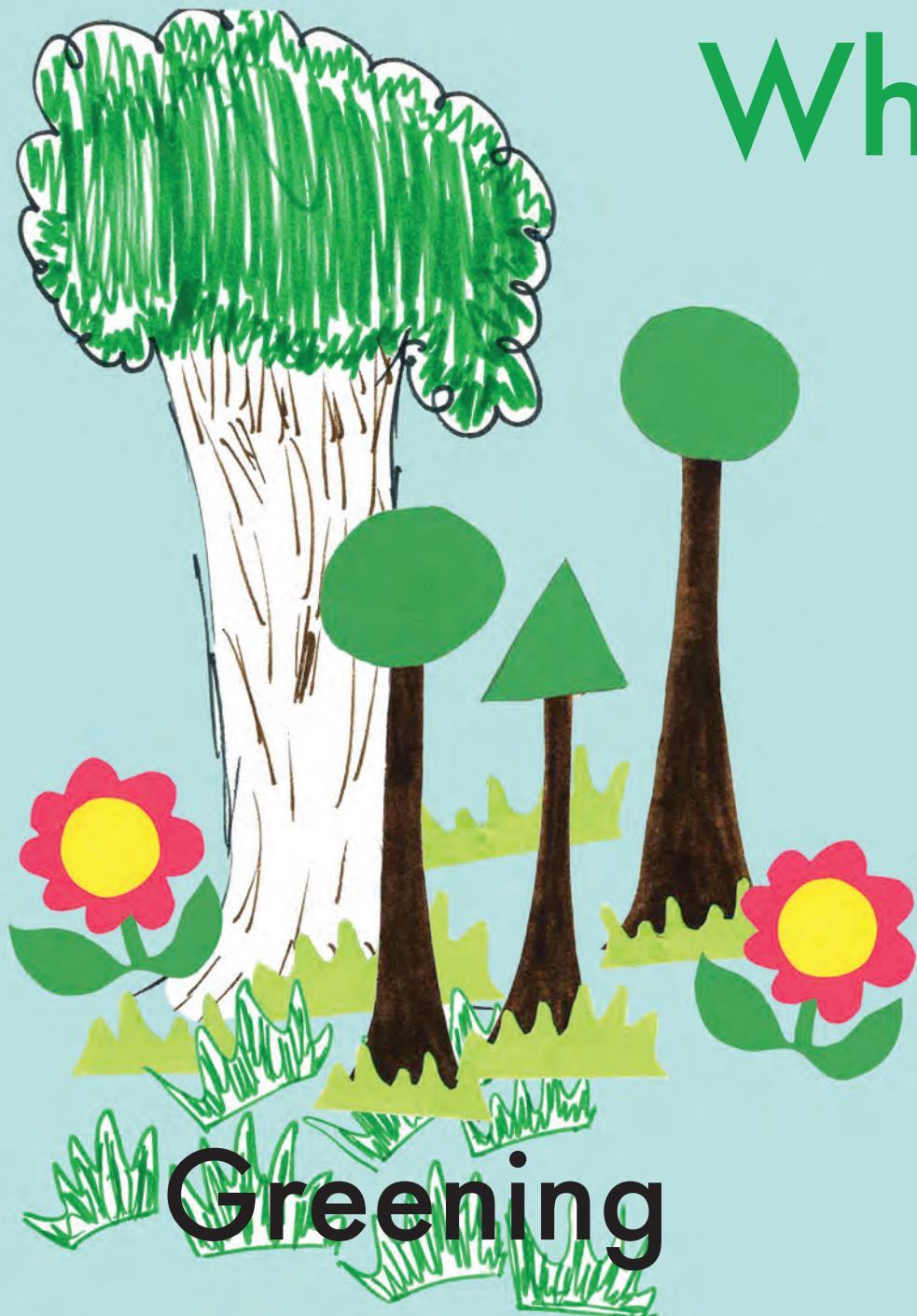
Vấn đề lớn của rác thải là gì? Rác thải không tốt và không công bằng cho chúng ta, thành phố, và môi trường của chúng ta.

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**¿Cuál es el gran problema con la basura? La basura no es saludable y es mala para nosotros, nuestra ciudad y nuestro medio ambiente.**





# Greening

Gardens and green spaces improve our neighborhoods and help reduce trash. Plants and trees can reduce stress and anxiety, clean our soil and air, and build community. When people feel good about where they live they are less likely to dump trash and litter.

**Los jardines y los espacios verdes mejoran nuestros barrios y ayudan a reducir la basura. Cuando las personas se sienten bien en el lugar donde viven, son menos propensas a contaminar y tirar basura.**

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Các khu vườn và không gian xanh giúp cải thiện những khu phố của chúng ta và giúp giảm thiểu lượng rác thải. Khi con người cảm thấy tốt về nơi họ sống, họ ít có khả năng vứt và xả rác.

## CLEAN OUR ENVIRONMENT

Lead in the soil can harm our health and CO<sub>2</sub> from trucks and cars is a form of litter and waste. Plants and trees take in CO<sub>2</sub> and clean our air, making it healthier to breathe! Certain plants like sunflowers can be used to clean toxic soil- this is called remediation. Once the soil is clean we can use it to plant food.

## BUILD COMMUNITY

**URBAN GARDENING**

Urban gardens help build community. Vacant lots attract trash, litter, drug abuse, and crime. Transform vacant lots into an urban garden to improve your neighborhood!

# What can I do? Get Involved

**Here are some things you can do to help solve Philly's trash and litter problem:**

- Start a community garden (or join one that already exists in your neighborhood!).
  - Join a cleanup through your PMBC Block Captain or the Philly Spring Clean Up.
  - Check out [www.illegaldumpfreepa.org](http://www.illegaldumpfreepa.org), where you can sign up to borrow a camera to monitor and report illegal dumping.
  - Call 3-1-1 (or use the app) to report illegal dumping and other violations.
  - Call your councilperson or the Mayor to let them know you support improvements to our waste management system. Here are some ideas of what you could advocate for:
    - legislation to ban plastic bags
    - more bilingual trash information
    - trash pickup twice per week in densely populated neighborhoods
    - cameras to monitor illegal dumping

You can find your councilperson's contact info online at [www.phlcouncil.com](http://www.phlcouncil.com)

"Mayor Kenney has promised\* to make substantial progress towards the development of a citywide litter plan for public release by the end of his first year in office; he has promised to convene a litter cabinet and appoint a point person in his administration to oversee the implementation of a cross-departmental litter action plan. [...] As citizens concerned for our communities, it is our responsibility to hold Mayor Kenney accountable to his promise and call on City Council to act."

- Maurice Sampson, Clean Water Action, \*Kenney Transition Report, page 34, released January 5, 2016



# Reduce/Reuse/Recycle

Recycling is an easy way to protect our environment and reduce trash and litter in our neighborhoods! What goes in the recycling bin?

Tái chế làm giảm lượng rác thải và sự xả rác, giúp bảo vệ môi trường của chúng ta. Những loại rác nào có thể được cho vào thùng rác tái chế?

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El reciclaje reduce la basura, los desperdicios y protege al medio ambiente. ¿Qué se puede colocar en el contenedor de reciclaje?



Visit [www.phillystreets.com/recycling](http://www.phillystreets.com/recycling) for more info about Philly's recycling system and what can and cannot be recycled.

The city provides recycling pickup service on the same day as trash day. If you do not have a blue bin you can still recycle: just write "RECYCLING" on any plastic or metal container 32 gallons or smaller!



Si no tienes un contenedor azul, puedes reciclar igualmente: simplemente escribe "RECYCLING" en cualquier recipiente de plástico o de metal de unos 32 galones o menos.

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Nếu bạn không có thùng màu xanh, bạn vẫn có thể tái chế -- chỉ cần viết "**RECYCLING**" trên bất kỳ thùng chứa bằng nhựa hoặc kim loại nào có dung tích 32 gallon hoặc nhỏ hơn.

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**Look inside for more information about your trash rights and responsibilities!**





## ABOUT THIS PROJECT

"We Have a Right to a Clean City" BY: Margaret Kearney, Lead Artist/Instructor, and Ron Whyte (Deep Green Philly), Lead Activist/Instructor. A product of Trash Academy.

**TRASH ACADEMY.** Trash is a pernicious problem across the city (nicknamed "Filthadelphia") and is especially pervasive in Southeast Philadelphia. Trash Academy is a "collaboratory" with community residents of South Philadelphia, Margaret Kearney, The City of Philadelphia Mural Arts Program's Restored Spaces Initiative, and LandHealth Institute.

Visiting environmental activist Ron Whyte, artist Margaret Kearney, and environmental science classroom teacher Dr. Noah Goldman collaborated to guide students at Southern High School through an investigation of city systems, citizen rights, and responsibilities related to litter. To develop this tool, they researched relevant services and solutions by interviewing experts and decision makers, visiting key sites, and engaging in critical discussion.

**RESTORED SPACES.** David Harvey defines the "right to the city" as "a right to change ourselves by changing the city." Mural Arts' Restored Spaces Initiative uses socially-engaged public art as a platform for neighborhood change. The initiative works hand-in-hand with diverse groups including grassroots community organizations, activists, nonprofits, and engaged neighbors to develop and plan projects at the intersection of public art, social justice, and the environment.

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