



Litter Prevention Regulations

It is an Offence to place Litter a Public Place

The Litter Prevention Regulations will soon be enforced by the Environmental Protection Agency. It is an offence under these Regulations to (a) place litter in a public place; (b) permit or cause another person to litter a public place or; (c) have litter on private premises that pose a health risk.

It does not matter if littering is intentional or accidental; once the act is committed the person responsible would be charged. As such, if litter comes from a moving vehicle to a public place then the person responsible for the moving vehicle would have committed an offence. Similarly, if a person places litter in a public place not intended for garbage collection then this person would have committed an offence.

Additionally, a person who gives permission or causes another person to litter a public place is guilty of an offence. Another point to note is that the absence of a waste receptacle is not an excuse for littering!



The fine for an individual found littering in a public place is fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000); for a corporate business it is one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).

Littering on Private Premises is an Offence

A person who places litter on premises owned or occupied by another person without consent, is guilty of an offence under the Litter Prevention Regulations.

The fine for this offence is thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) or six (6) months imprisonment.

Persons who litter will be ordered to clean it up



If the litter left in an area defaces that area, Litter Wardens appointed by the EPA will give notice to the individual or company responsible for such litter to clean it up and restore the area. Similarly, the owner or person who occupies premises with litter can be ordered to remove it. This may apply particularly to litter such as dead animals, or materials and substances that pose a public health risk.

Notices may be given orally or through writing via mail.

The fine for failing to obey the notice to clean up a public or private premises is twenty thousand (\$20,000) and an additional five thousand (\$5,000) dollars for each day of non-compliance. Further, the guilty person will bear the cost of the litter removal if it is done by the Litter Warden.

Repeat offenders will pay double the maximum fine for the offence committed or face three (3) months imprisonment.

Save yourself the embarrassment and cost of littering - dispose of your waste properly!

Share your ideas and questions by sending letters to: "Our Earth, Our Environment", C/O EIT Division, Environmental Protection Agency, Ganges Street, Sophia, Georgetown; or email us at eit.epaguyana@gmail.com.