

THIS WEEK IN "LITTERLAND"

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CHRISTMAS IN CORNWALL PRODS CANINE MINDERS TO CLEAN UP

This holiday season humour is the tool of choice for hammering home a message about the unacceptability of dog fouling in Cornwall, UK. One of the Council-approved posters (below) shows a Christmas tree in a forest adorned with tied bags of dog excrement, asking 'Would you decorate your tree like this?'



DID YOU KNOW?

Texas judge Alvin Spenser sentenced a Plano man last month to life in prison for a littering incident that spun out of control and left an off-duty police officer blind in one eye. "I just hate littering, and I think the punishment, in this case, fits the crime perfectly," the judge said in defending his harsh penalty. "This will serve as a message to every other damn litterbug in the state of Texas," the Empire News quotes him as saying.



Cute Jakartan frogs for catching litter on the fly

Animated, adorable, amphibian, these frog-like bins are being added to Jakarta's litter-grabbing arsenal. Five municipalities will share in the government's purchase of 1,809 of them for the latest campaign, 'My Trash My Responsibility, My Jakarta Becomes Clean'. If the frog bins prompt a jump in usage, would this be called the "leapfrog effect"?

GOLD COAST BY THE NUMBERS: BUTTS ARE #1 CONCERN

The Responsible Runners group of Queensland, where cigarette butt litter is 20 per cent above the Australian average, created a beach litter log to tally the number of butts a few of its members collected as volunteers during 30-minute stints on weekends at Burleigh beach and The Spit - 16,000 of them since March. Smoking between flagged areas on beaches was banned in 2005. [facebook.com/ResponsibleRunners](https://www.facebook.com/ResponsibleRunners)

HEADLINE LITTER GRABBERS (DEC 14 - 21)

Some of what made our News Reel this week
litterpreventionprogram.com/news-reel.html

Yahoo! does us a favour with green journalism (13/12)

Christmas came early in *Litterland* in the form of great press from Yahoo!Canada for Sheila White and litter prevention in a generous online feature by Andy Radia.

Duo imprisoned pending trial for railway trash (12/20)

Two Chinese nationals employed in Kampala, Uganda are in Luzira prison awaiting trial on Tuesday for dumping garbage from their vehicle on Kataza Railway lands.

Governor fuming over Car Free Day littering (16/12)

Litter is a problem on Jakarta's weekly environmentally friendly Car Free Day. Governor "Ahok" Purnama chastised his citizenry for the trash littering streets on Sundays.

Man held in custody after littering courtroom (16/12)

A Singaporean magistrate nailed carpenter Francis Mensah, 29, after seeing him drop a piece of wood on his courtroom floor. Abdul Majid Iliasu detained the man for four hours and then had him collect refuse around the premises as a deterrent to others. He encouraged Mensah to be an ambassador for the anti-littering cause.

March 13 deadline for Missouri's can contest (18/12)

Missouri's trashcan-decorating contest for K-8 students began its roll out this week, backed by key state agencies.