

# THIS WEEK IN "LITTERLAND"

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## Festival litter ignites a political firestorm

At left, this concert aftermath struck a sour note with politicians who slammed the 1,650-tonne mess 120,000+ patrons left behind on the Glastonbury Festival grounds. Volunteers receive free tickets for staying to clean up after people leave. The job requires a team of 800.



### Litter is never a pretty picture



Above, Toronto's summer skyline from a different perspective: Note how easily two recyclable bottles mar the scene and spoil a beautiful vista. Our photographer sees litter everywhere, but says Toronto is doing a good job of cleaning it up during the PanAm/Para-PanAm Games now underway. Photo: Nancy King

### HEADLINE LITTER GRABBERS (JUN 12 - 19)

Some of what made our News Reel this week [litterpreventionprogram.com/news-reel.html](http://litterpreventionprogram.com/news-reel.html)

**As Tidy Town judging nears, car park trashed** [7/18] Pity Tralee. Ireland's Gold Medal-winning town for cleanliness scrambled to tidy a car park walloped by litter-dumping days before Tidy Town judges arrive to kick-off inspections as part of the annual national contest.

**With litter, size doesn't matter** [7/13] A mini uproar spewed from a motorist in Winnipeg, Manitoba, ticked for being ticketed by a police officer for tossing sunflower seed shells out of the sunroof of his car.

**"Curse of the Bruck Monster" finds a following** [7/13] A youth-produced video about a trash monster has delighted backers of Shetland's Dunna Chuck Bruck campaign. Find it on Facebook, keyword Dunnachuckbruck.

**Town concludes it likes private enforcement** [7/18] The figures are in concerning contracting out and Tunbridge Wells likes what it sees: 1,300 fined for littering since September, an 87.7% payment rate, more than £39,000 for council coffers and noticeably less litter. The cost? Zero. The private firm keeps half the total revenue.

**From New York to Vietnam, 'tis the season** [7/15] NYC launched 'Clean Streets = Clean Beaches' this week and Danang, Vietnam unveiled new clean beach measures.

**Mystery of the Australian can-dropper solved** [7/16] Residents hid behind bushes to capture the vehicle license that police needed to catch a man whose 18-month littering spree regularly deposited two to three bags of beer cans on their Melbourne street - 12,000 cans in all, a value of \$850 US. That's \$16,000 worth of alcohol.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Spurred by a season of raging wildfires, British Columbia will conduct a review of penalties for human-caused fires. This will include a look at penalties for littering cigarette butts.