

THIS WEEK IN "LITTERLAND"

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Newlyweds Prince Harry and Meghan, the Duchess of Sussex, inspired a litter pick.



Reporting littering and license plates in Canada

A Canadian website for reporting litter sightings and car license plate numbers has been running for years, but www.reportlitter.ca is new to us. It's a welcome online tool for documenting the plates of motorists and their acts of littering.



Clever theme

Could there be any better wedding gift than this? Aiming to be litter-free in time for the Royal Wedding on May 19, [Kegworth](http://www.kegworth.org.uk), UK staged a litter-picking event that morning. The invitation, left, was posted April 30 by the village clerk.

Ban challans, says opposition

Councillors from the ruling party, BJP, in North Delhi, India, have broken ranks to protest the government's policy of issuing fine notices (challans) for waste infractions under a quota system of five per day. Maneesh Chaudhary and Sujit Thakur called for a ban on challans because the drive to fulfil the quota is making people angry and may be targeting them unfairly. Party president Manoj Tiwari vowed to end the quota, but he made no apologies for using challans to enforce cleanliness laws.

Making waves for the right reason

In Chennai, 80 anglers will have a boat race and a contest to fish litter out of the waters at Elliot's Beach in Tamil Nadu on May 27. A cash prize will go to the team of four per boat that gathers the most litter in their basket. The Association of Chennai Thiruvallur District Progressive Fishermen sponsored the event.

DID YOU KNOW?

[Coop Norway](http://www.coopnorway.no) committed its 129 stores to a nationwide cleanup campaign in partnership with Keep Norway Beautiful. The coop retail chain called on employees, customers and co-owners to continue the attack after distributing 40,000 pairs of gloves, 152,000 garbage bags and creating 50 collection sites for the "Coop rydder Norge" campaign, April 30 to May 5.

HEADLINE LITTER GRABBERS (MAY 13 - 20)

Some of what made our News Reel this week

Election litter earns rebuke from litter group [\(5/14\)](#)

Prompted by the mess around schools serving as polling stations, EcoWaste Coalition, Manila's leading voice on litter, put energy into reminding voters in this week's elections not to toss campaign materials, sample ballots or cigarette butts on the ground.

Peterborough to teach responsible fishing [\(5/16\)](#)

As walleye fishing season opened, the southern Ontario tourist area of Peterborough County launched a Clean Marine educational program to stop people who fish from littering along the expansive Frank A. Gifford Causeway. Fishing lure maker Lucky Strike donated branded fishing spoons for enforcement officers to use as a public giveaway reinforcing responsible conduct.

Really? Disposable barbecues? [\(5/15\)](#)

Ninety so-called disposable barbecues left abandoned in a heap on a Devon beach sent residents into a high boil. The aluminum foil grills were discovered by primary school children on an environmental field trip where they were shocked to see the amount and variety of litter, including broken glass and soiled diapers.

Squad is being trained to dole out fines [\(5/15\)](#)

The 'Swachh Guwahati Squad' will hit the streets the first week in June watching for people who litter, urinate or spit in public. Guwahati, India will train 116 officers -- two for each of its 58 wards. Once set, the city and officer will split the amount of each fine collected.