

THIS WEEK IN "LITTERLAND"

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Private policing for litter takes a hit

The honeymoon with private litter enforcement may be winding down as [more UK councils](#) rethink having private companies hand out the penalty notices for a share of the littering fines. Plymouth Council has politely bowed out of its relationship with Kingdom Services and will resume its own policing of litter laws. Six local authorities in North Wales may team up on regional enforcement. One of them, Gwynedd Council, bid adieu to Kingdom in February.

Discount on transit for bottle returns

Istanbul is testing a new vending concept. Imagine returning empty beverage containers in exchange for help paying transit fares. That's the idea behind the reverse vending machines at three metro stations. They load credits on a person's transit payment card based on the number of bottles and cans returned.



PHOTO ABOVE, RIGHT: Break Free From Plastic, launched in 2016, promotes a future free from plastic pollution. More than 1,060 groups around the globe have already signed on at breakfreefromplastic.org.

Lattes for litter

Rox Coffee in Durban, South Africa, is making a tempting offer to help keep uMhlanga's beach clean. Importing the idea from Australia, the coffee company offers a free coffee to any beach visitor who takes a bucket and returns it filled with a collection of litter. Owners Tregue and Bonnie Minnaar got the word out using #BeachCleanUp on social media. Now the two are challenging fellow retailers to launch trash for cash schemes of their own. A faithful following of Rox java-loving litter pickers has blossomed since they started their promotion.

DID YOU KNOW?

United Arab Emirates [has altered](#) its Traffic Law to make littering a federal offence in all seven emirates. The government pledges police vigilance and has posted "Dear Driver" ads on social media. In Dubai, an additional 155 employees are empowered to hand out Dh1000 fines and six black points for littering even the slightest item.

HEADLINE LITTER GRABBERS (DEC 9 - 16)

Some of what made our News Reel this week

New cans for Yonkers failing to impress [\(12/9\)](#)

They're not knocked out by the new litter bin design in Yonkers, NY, where bags are replacing traditional canister and box style bins and their larger openings. Solid waste officials wanted a container that prevented deposits of bagged household trash, a common misuse of street bins.

Vape-free, smoke-free event in the works [\(12/11\)](#)

The city council of Kalibo, Philippines voted to ban vaping and smoking at its Ati-Atihan festival in January on the road to producing a zero litter event at the urging of Cynthia Dela Cruz, environment committee chairwoman.

Cleanliness Army working on the railway [\(12/12\)](#)

Yellow-jacketed teams of railway car cleaners, called Safai Sena, "the cleanliness army", are a new feature of New Delhi Railways, a new tack officials took one year ago. A Delhi-based non-profit, Chintan, trains workers to round up and separate railway trash from coaches and bins, which it sells to recycling markets as a revenue source.

Accra's campaign chugging along [\(12/12\)](#)

The non-profit Help Change Ghana has mobilized its "litter prevention campaign train" in Teshie-Nungua Municipality community schools to get young people into clean-up causes and positive environmental role modeling.

Butts on campus an issue for students [\(12/14\)](#)

Kansas State University students say cigarette butts on campus are problematic and warrant action by authorities.