

# THIS WEEK IN "LITTERLAND"

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Thank you, readers, for caring, for doing what you can about litter, for keeping the subject in the public eye and discourse. *Litterland* now claims to be the most prolific newsletter of its type with nearly seven years of weekly publications to its credit. This blog is fueled by the zeal and interest of the people who read it.

### New York bans the bag March 1

Retail and grocery businesses in New York State won't be allowed to use plastic carrier bags after the Bag Reduction Act grabs hold starting March 1. Gov. Andrew Cuomo [hints](#) that polystyrene foam food containers could be next in line. The law intends to prompt a huge drop in annual bag usage. An estimated 23 billion plastic bags are used across the state every year. For customers, the new law means bring their own bags or buy reusable bags from the store. Certain recyclable plastics such as bubble wrap and wrappings for food or dry goods are still allowed. Retail Film Plastic Recycling centres are set up to take them back. While New York heads in one direction, some Republican legislators in Kansas are moving in entirely another. They are [advancing a bill](#) that would render it illegal for municipalities to ban single use plastics or charge fees for them.

### How to keep clean for the holiday

The capital of Brunei prepared for its 36th National Day by pledging the island city would be kept litter-free for the holiday. That entailed 248 cleaners, 30 waste transportation workers, 100 litter bins and two compactor vehicles for shuttling the waste away. A volunteer crew of 100 working with Green Brunei assisted in cleaning up after Sunday's celebration to kick off the collaborative My Clean City campaign, *Bandarku Bersih* and *Bandarku Bebas Botol Plastik*, My City Free From Plastic Bottles.

## DID YOU KNOW?

The governments of India and Norway [announced](#) they will tackle concerns related to oceans, environment and climate matters jointly with "rapid action" pledged in the 2020s, their ministers said in a statement after a meeting of the two delegations on Monday.



Photo, left: Taking the lid off this crime, Hull, UK's poster puts the boots to the idea that it is somehow okay to litter one's plastic cups. That bad habit comes at a cost there.



**Fight waste? Yes, you can!**

## HEADLINE LITTER GRABBERS (FEB 16 - 23)

Some of what made our News Reel this week

### **Let's not leave this story hanging** [\(2/18\)](#)

Residents grappled with a new litter problem, removing dollar store bras that pranksters had hung high in the trees behind a popular shopping centre in Montgomery County, PA.

### **Celebrity singer in Philippines speaks out** [\(2/18\)](#)

Folk singer-songwriter Bullet Dumas is the latest well-known Filipino to vocalize distaste for litter. He took to Twitter with photos of litter on grounds of a University of Philippines festival in Quezon City. "What I hate about the #UPFair," his tweet captioned.

### **Award winning gardener puts litter on show** [\(2/19\)](#)

At the RHS Malvern Spring Festival in May a show garden from a team of award-winning olive growers will incorporate litter combed from beaches and the sea by the group Fishing For Litter. Villaggio Verde is marking its tenth year at the Festival with Taverna Cove, a display that aims for authenticity using found items.

### **Pre-parade teardown cleared spectator route** [\(2/19\)](#)

No more early bird Mardi Gras parade seating in New Orleans. Workers cleared the sidelines of spectator gear 4 hours before the start time under a new policy.

### **Manchester mom praised for her methods** [\(2/20\)](#)

After seeing film on Facebook of her daughter, 14, stupidly walking on the tram tracks, Samantha Coughlan, made the girl clear litter from a filthy laneway in the pouring rain to teach her a lesson. The mom won public praise when the story hit the media. Even the daughter had good things to say about the experience.