

Litter and Wildlife

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Litter type: Containers and cans

Impact on wildlife: Animals looking for food can get trapped in cans or injured by sharp edges.



Litter type:

Impact on wildlife: Animals often step in gum, which can become matted in their fur or feathers, making it difficult for them to move.



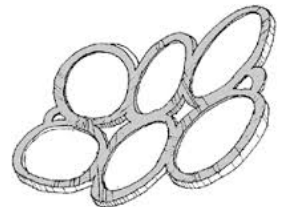
Litter type: Glass

Impact on wildlife: Broken glass can cause serious injury through cuts and infections and animals can get trapped in jars, leading to suffocation or starvation.



Litter type: Plastic bags

Impact on wildlife: Animals can climb inside plastic bags and suffocate, or eat them and choke.



Litter type: Plastic can holders

Impact on wildlife: Animals can get entangled in plastic can holders, and suffer deep wounds or choke.



Litter type:

Impact on wildlife: Animals try and eat balloons and often choke. Animals, particular birds, also often get caught in balloon strings which can tangle around them causing them to suffocate.



Litter type: Chinese lanterns

Impact on wildlife: Lanterns can tangle around birds, damaging their wings so they are unable to fly, and in some cases suffocating them. The wire can also cut animals causing bleeding and infections.



Litter type: Elastic bands

Impact on wildlife: These can wrap around small animals and beaks of birds. If swallowed they can cause choking.