

Protect our waters from trash

1. **Use Less Stuff.** Buying less packaging, means less to throw away.
2. When on the river or trail, come back with everything you bring in. **Pack it in, pack it out.**
3. **Re-use containers.** Keep food, cleaning products, and other supplies in refillable containers.
4. **Recycle.** Take cans, bottles, paper, and cardboard to a recycling center. Compost kitchen and yard wastes.
5. **Be a volunteer.** Participate in the next local roadside or park Cleanup Day. Or, organize one yourself. Many communities join the yearly Oklahoma Trash-off Day in April.
6. **Adopt-A-Highway.** If your group or business cleans up a specific 2-mile stretch of public road, Oklahoma Department of Transportation puts up a highway sign advertising your contribution.
7. Participate in the annual Oklahoma **Scenic River Cleanup**. You can also bring a bag and plan to pick up a little trash yourself whenever you visit a river or lake.
8. Join **Blue Thumb** water quality volunteers. (Call the Cherokee or Adair county conservation district.)
9. Remember, in and along the Scenic Rivers, glass and styrofoam are prohibited.

Who to contact

If you see signs of illegal dumping, call the local sheriff's office, the Oklahoma Scenic Rivers Commission, or the OK Litter Hotline. Law en-

forcement officials have a duty to enforce open dumping laws. They need your help! Give them all the information you can.

- 1. **Oklahoma Scenic Rivers Commission:** 918-456-3251
- 2. **OK Litter Hotline:** 1-888-5-LITTER (To report littering from vehicles, record license no., make, model and color of car, what was thrown, when and where.)
- 3. **OK Dept. of Environmental Quality Complaint Hotline:** 1-800-522-0206 (Complaints are kept anonymous on request)
- 4. **Solid Waste Institute of Northeast Oklahoma:** 918-456-0116 or www.swino.org (See Oklahoma's laws pertaining to illegal dumping, littering, open burning, and solid waste management.)
- 5. **OK Department of Transportation:** 405-521-4037 or www.okladot.state.ok.us/public-info (Get details of Adopt-A-Highway, Trash-Off Day, and Litter Hotline Program.)
- 6. **County OSU Cooperative Extension and Conservation District Offices.**

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