South Carolina Lt. Gov. Pamela Evette inspired the #GrabABagSC statewide litter pickup challenge with her own experiences of picking up in her home community. Litter pickup events are a great way to build relationships among families, neighbors, employees and elected officials.

This is an inexpensive way to improve the esthetics of neighborhoods because litter is considered a gateway crime that negatively affects quality of life and community safety.

WHAT CAN YOU DO NOW?

When you see litter, pick it up. Ask your friends to do the same.

Don’t toss litter onto roadways. Not only is litter ugly, it could harm our wildlife.

Ask your parents and friends to keep a trash bag in their car.

If your parents drive a truck, remind them to secure their load to prevent trash from flying out.

Visit palmettopride.org to volunteer for a cleanup in your community.
WHAT IS LITTER?
Litter is waste in the wrong place. People create litter when they improperly dispose of waste products, like food containers or plastic water bottles. Intentional or not, litter takes a massive toll on our environment.

LITTER IS HARMFUL
Litter is harmful to South Carolina’s wildlife, but it also poses danger to our residents. Litter creates hazards on our roadways. It clogs our stormwater drains, which increases the risk of flooding.

LITTER IS ILLEGAL
The penalties of littering and illegal dumping in South Carolina range from $200 to $4,000, with the possibility of up to 100 hours of community service and up to 30 days of jail time.

IF YOU SEE IT, REPORT IT.
PalmettoPride sponsors a statewide Litter Busters Hotline so you can report litterbugs. If you see someone littering or illegally dumping, call it in to 1-877-7-LITTER (754-8837).