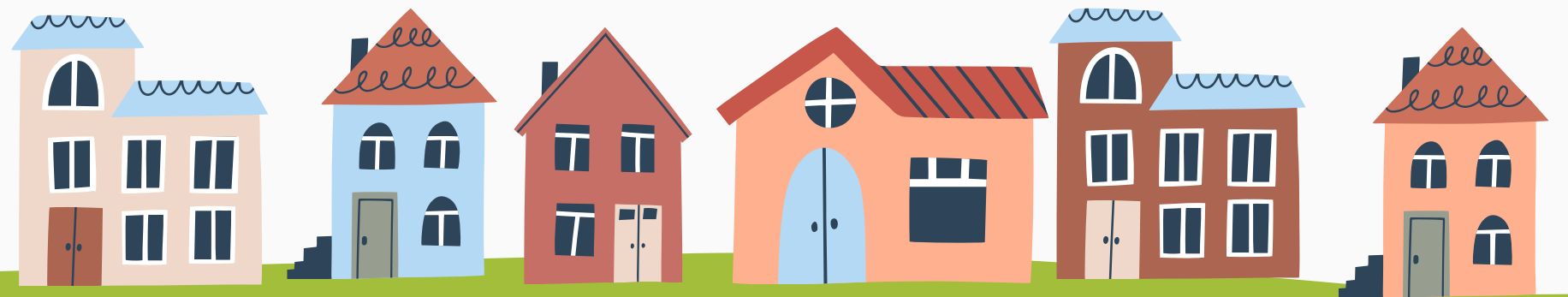


Litter Trashes Everyone



What is litter?

Simply put, litter is misplaced trash. What kind of litter have you noticed and where did you see it?



How does litter happen?

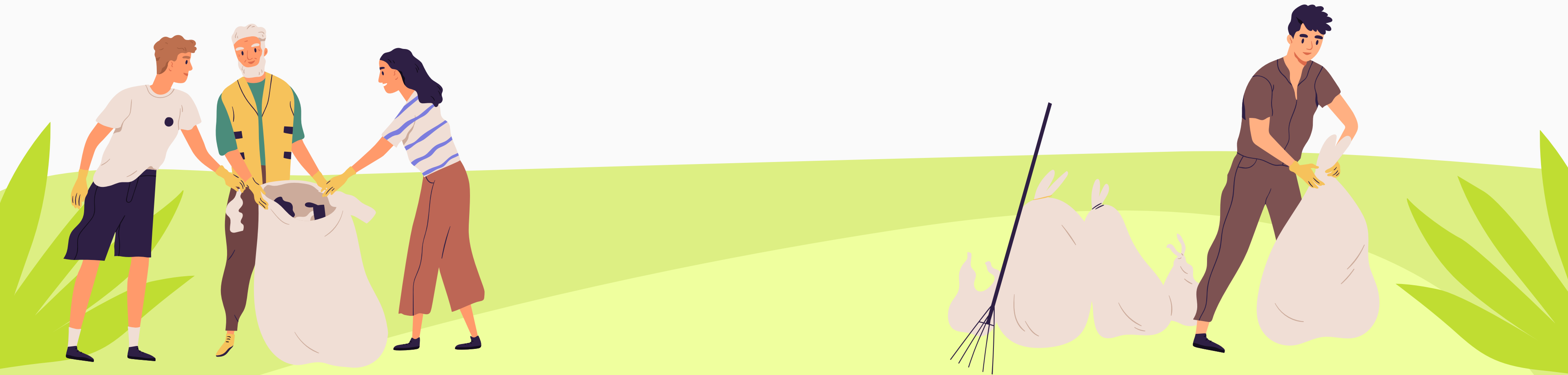
Most litter is intentional, meaning some people leave unwanted items behind on purpose.

But other litter is unintentional, like a candy wrapper falling out of your pocket while you play at the park.



Have you ever littered?

Though we often think of trash when we hear the word litter, not all litter is unwanted garbage. Valuable possessions such as cash or sporting equipment are often littered. Whether useful objects or useless trash, litter is any item left where it does not belong.



How does Litter Trash Everyone?

Litter impacts all of us in many ways.

- Wildlife and pets often eat or get trapped in litter
- Littered roadways lead to traffic accidents
- Littered cigarette butts cause fires
- Litter encourages other crimes



What can we do?

We can stop littering. We can put away our belongings, keep our vehicles clean and secure our curbside trashcans.

We can also pick up existing litter.

We drop an estimated 2.25 million pieces of litter each day. If just 1% of the U.S. population picked up one piece of litter each day, we would pick up more than is being littered.



Speak Up



If you see someone littering, what could you say to them to explain why littering is bad?

Education is the best way to prevent litter from happening in the first place.



Working Together



Litter is a trashy problem, but with teamwork, we can take it out. You can volunteer your time and help with a local litter cleanup in your community.

