



Race to Find (or not to find) Litter

Garbage: useless matter that only has one use and cannot be made into something new (candy wrappers, plastic bags, food containers, etc)

Recyclables: Objects that are able to be processed and used again (plastic bottles, pop cans, etc.)

Litter: The combination of both: Carelessly discarded refuse, such as waste paper, that is found where it does not belong.

Why would you want to find the least amount of litter? Because no garbage is better than any garbage at all! This race will have you working to change your point of view of expecting to find garbage while you are out in nature. Collecting the least does not mean to ignore the litter you see, it means to collect it anyway and remember that you are helping the planet in your choice.

Version 1: A race to collect the most litter if you are in a highly polluted area

Version 2: A race to collect the least litter if there are only a few pieces along your route.

MATERIALS:

- Bag for garbage and/or recycling for each person
- Gloves for each person
- Safe place to walk and look for garbage

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Choose the version of the game you would like to play depending on where you are
2. Get your bag(s) ready to go
3. Create a line for the collection to start
4. Depending on which version you choose, start collecting or not!
5. When you find a piece, decide whether it is garbage or recyclable to dispose of properly after your race.
6. During the walk, you may also want to talk about:
 - Why is the litter where you found it?
 - How could it have gotten there?
 - What can you do to stop littering?

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