

# THIS WEEK IN "LITTERLAND"

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## #LitterBugsMe



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*If you litter, the future will be bitter.*

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## MASSIVE SOUTH AFRICAN BLITZ

SALGA, the umbrella for 278 South African municipalities, united around #LitterBugsMe, a Twitter hashtag for its social media eye-opener (left) on November 10 and 11. The engagement exercise invited photos and comments, a bid on the part of cities and towns to reverse their country's historically poor record of waste management. A mere ten per cent of general waste is being recycled in South Africa.

Right, Hanoi's Department of Culture, Tourism and Sport is at odds with art troupes like Dong Do Show Company, accused of littering the city with more posters and banners than the 20 allowed. Officials resorted to spray painting the word 'Violation' in red across the illicit banners. Simply removing the signs didn't work. New ones kept cropping up by the hundreds.



## HEADLINE LITTER GRABBERS (NOV 8 - 15)

Some of what made our News Reel this week

### Luxemburg moves to reform litter law (11/10)

Tiny Luxemburg has big plans for cigarette butt tossers. The Secretary of State for Infrastructure and Sustainable Development is moving on a 49-euro fine for this type of littering. There is no law against it currently and it accounts for 30 per cent of the litter collected by local authorities in urban centres.

### Jakarta to change Criminal Code? (11/13)

A hard line suggestion from Jakarta's governor may take root. Basuki "Ahok" Tjahaja Purnama wants planned revisions to the Criminal Code to include punishingly high, on-the-spot fines for littering or days of mandatory street sweeping for those unable to pay.

### Nice townspeople rally for Welsh senior (11/9)

Eco-cops in Ruthin, UK busted an elderly pensioner for a receipt she dropped by accident and did not give her a chance to pick it up before issuing the penalty notice. Anonymous residents chipped in and paid her £75 fine.

### Mayor and Council have an Anti-Litter Unit (11/08)

In Georgetown, Guyana the Anti-Litter Unit of the Mayor and Council is trumpeting court action against 50 litterbugs in the past month with enforcement of the city's 2013 litter prevention regulation in full gear now.

### Digging in from Dubai to Dibba Al Hisn (11/3)

Emirates Environmental Group expects 125,000 will join in the 14th Clean Up UAE effort Dec. 5 -16.

## This New Zealand district's up to the job

Thames Coromandel District Council is piling measure upon measure to fight littering in NZ. Fines of \$100 and \$400 for "litter infringements" (the higher fine is for dangerous littering) will be backed up by an arsenal of intended actions: Name and shame in the media, a 24-7 "Dob In A Dumper" hotline, serious investigations and follow-up, more monitoring and efforts to gain compliance, and possible partnerships with other districts to elevate the Clean and Green message of zero tolerance.

## DID YOU KNOW?

The people behind Thailand's national parks system want litter gone and are testing ways to make that happen. In the *Garbage Return Home* program begun last year, tourists were asked to keep their trash and take it home with them when they exited. Across 100 national parks solid waste weighing 160 tonnes was removed by 93,000 participating park visitors.