

STATE LITTER STATUTE

Until such time as your municipality adopts its own comprehensive litter ordinance, the following is the **STATE LITTER STATUTE** that can be cited by the designated enforcement official.

NJSA 13:1E-99.3. Littering; petty disorderly persons offense; penalties; disposition of money judgments

Penalties for littering

8. a. A person who throws, drops, discards or otherwise places any litter of any nature upon public or private property other than in a litter receptacle commits a petty disorderly persons offense, and notwithstanding the provisions of N.J.S.2C:43-3 to the contrary, for every such offense shall be fined not less than \$100 or more than \$500. The Superior Court and every municipal court shall have jurisdiction to enforce this section. The State or any municipality may institute proceedings under this section. If a money judgment is rendered against a defendant, the payment made to the court shall be remitted to the chief financial officer of the municipality wherein the violation occurred, to be used by the municipality to help finance litter control activities in addition to or supplementing existing litter pickup and removal activities in the municipality.

b. If a person violates subsection a. of this section the court, in addition to any penalty imposed under that subsection, may direct the person to perform community service, including litter pickup and removal from any public property, or any private property with permission of the owner, upon which the person deposited litter, for a term of not less than 20 hours nor more than 40 hours.

c. A person who is convicted of an offense under subsection a. of this section within six months after the date of a previous conviction thereunder shall be sentenced to pay a fine not less than \$250 or more than \$1,000, may be sentenced to imprisonment for a definite term not to exceed 60 days, and may be directed to perform community service, including litter pickup and removal from any public property or from any private property if permission of the owner has been granted, for a term of not less than 40 nor more than 80 hours.

L.1985,c.533,s.8; amended 1989, c.108, s.3; 2001, c.78.