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Litter cont.

Intentional

Accidental

Litter has changed over time

Early Romans dumped their waste outside city walls –

Biodegradable

attracted rats, spread disease, insects, other animals

Today we use sanitary landfills – compress the materials, buried or incinerated

Recycling – gives new life to an old material

Litter has always been a problem

20th century

1st half we used glass bottles and tin cans

Household garbage in the first half of the 20th century contained primarily glass, metal, and paper

After 1950’s plastic became popular. Today it is the major type of garbage.

Litter on our roadways show how we live today

Early 1900’s very little litter on roadways