

How does litter get in the creek?

- Litter that is tossed onto the ground and the streets gets swept into storm drains
- Waste items are illegally dumped near or in the creek
- Flooding can drag waste and litter into the creek

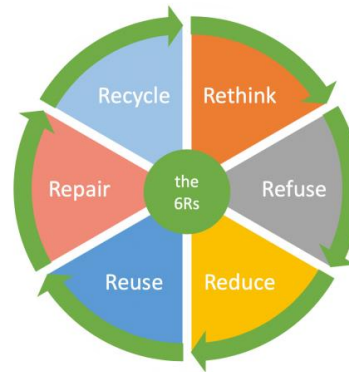


- This litter, and chemical pollutants derived from this litter, is negatively impacting the entire ecosystem (humans, animals, plants, and water quality).

*photos taken at Fourche Creek

What can you do about this issue?

Be more mindful



Be more active

- Volunteer
- Help with clean ups
- Join an Adopt-A-Street Program
- Join an Adopt-A-Highway Program
- Join an Adopt-A-Trash Boom Program
- Join a Stream Team



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Little Rock's Litter Problem

The Fourche Creek Litter Awareness Project

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Items and their impacts

Plastics

- They break apart, not down, creating microplastics
- Contain harmful chemicals
- Harmful to animals when ingested

Cigarettes

- Contain harmful chemicals such as nicotine, arsenic, and heavy metals
- Animals can ingest them

Fertilizers and Pesticides

- Contains toxic chemicals
- Causes overgrowth of algae, which depletes the oxygen supply for fish



Items and their impacts

Tires

- Contain harmful substances such as heavy metals, grease, and chemicals
- Provide a breeding ground for mosquitoes, a threat to human health

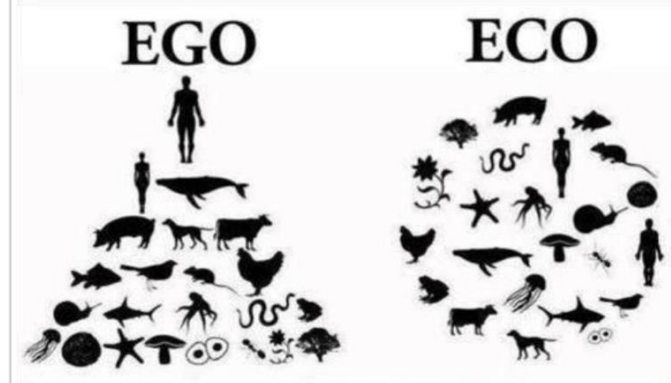


Motor Oil

- A pint of oil can produce a slick of approximately one acre of water
- Oil and petroleum products are toxic to people, wildlife and plants



Why should we care?



- Humans are greatly impacted by the health of our ecosystems
 - We rely on natural resources to survive
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- The health of fish is important because people consume fish from Fourche Creek
 - The quality of the water is important to those canoeing and kayaking in Fourche Creek

