

Keep Tahoe Blue Litter Bingo

Background: Since 2014, the League to Save Lake Tahoe and community volunteers have executed over 400 cleanup events. During these events, we have removed over 40,000 pounds of litter from the Tahoe Basin. The most commonly found items are single-use plastics. Since 2014, League volunteers have removed over 60,500 pieces including cigarette butts, bottle caps, straws and broken-down plastic pieces. It is important to remove plastics out of the environment since plastics do not biodegrade. These items break down in the sunlight to smaller and smaller pieces and live beyond our lifetimes. Small pieces of plastic are harmful to wildlife that ingest it and leach chemicals in the water.

Instructions: Next time you are getting a breath of fresh air, do your part to Keep Tahoe Blue by picking up litter that you see. Print out this bingo card and try to complete it with the litter you find. Challenge someone you know to compare the type of litter you find locally and share photos of the cleanup and completed bingo card with us at events@keeptahoeblue.org or on Instagram and tag us @keeptahoeblue, #keeptahoeblue and #litterfreetahoe for your chance to be featured on the League's social media and entered to win an Earth Month prize.

What you need for the cleanup: Gloves (reusable or disposable), trash bag, bingo card, and a pen. Remember to follow your local physical distancing guidelines and wash your hands after the cleanup.

Before completing the bingo card:

What type of litter do you expect to find most of? _____

What type of litter do you expect to find least of? _____

After completing the bingo card:

Were your hypothesis correct? If no, how were your results different? _____

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Bottle cap	piece of paper	to-go container	cigarette butt	plastic utensil
cigarette butt	plastic smaller than a quarter	food wrapper	metal can	dog poop
dog poop	plastic bag	ANY LITTER ITEM	paper bag	plastic the size of your hand
plastic utensil	straw	toy	food	large plastic piece
food wrapper	single use cup	plastic bag	glass	plastic smaller than a dime