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## The BUTTanical Garden: You Reap What You Sow

Looking for a way to show people in your community that **littering is bad**? You can help in the effort to **stop litter** by building a BUTTanical Garden. This is a plot full of the state's most frequently planted perennial - the cigarette butt. The BUTTanical Garden is a dramatic demonstration of the harmful effects of [cigarette litter](#) on our communities and environment. Facts about [cigarette litter](#) are posted throughout the garden on Burma Shave-style signs to engage passers-by in learning about [cigarette litter](#):

- [Cigarette waste](#) is the most abundant form of litter in Arkansas and on the planet. In fact, collected cigarette litter weighs in the millions of pounds annually.
- [Cigarette litter](#) is not a smoking issue - it's a littering issue. Smokers don't have to stop smoking to decrease the amount of cigarette litter. Instead, we must all learn to dispose of cigarette litter responsibly.
- [Cigarette filters](#) are made of plastic, not paper and cotton. That makes them nonbiodegradable. Cigarette litter lingers in our environment up to 25 years.
- [Cigarette butts](#) are lightweight and can easily move through our storm drains into our waterways and water supplies.
- Water will leech the toxins from [cigarette litter](#) making such litter deadly to most aquatic life. In fact, the toxins released from one cigarette butt left in a gallon of water for one day will kill about 80 percent of aquatic life added to that water.

The BUTTanical Garden can be used at science fairs, garden and flower shows and county fairs or as a compliment to a campus [butterfly garden](#) to teach students and their parents about the harmful impacts of cigarette litter. Let [Keep Arkansas Beautiful](#) show you how The BUTTanical Garden can be planted to teach your community that cigarette butts are litter, too!

### [BUTTanical Garden Video](#)



*Welcome to The Buttanical  
Garden, Featuring Arkansas' Most  
Planted Perennial*

