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State Parks

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RANGER

LITTER LINGO

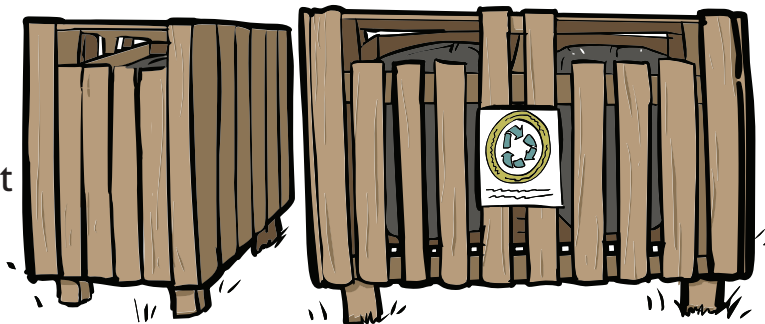
Name _____

Date _____ Park _____

There are two types of litter which can occur.

Nature's Litter is good for our soil because it provides nutrients for plants to grow and be healthy.

People's Litter is harmful to our environment and it is up to us to make sure our waste is placed in the recycling bin or trash can.

WHAT DOES
THIS MEAN?

Let's break it down.



Nature's Litter

Leaf litter, which often includes twigs and sticks, is what Park Rangers call the debris that falls to the ground from trees. The leaves are broken down by animals, microorganisms and fungi into tiny pieces and become part of the soil. The soil feeds the trees to help them grow tall and make new leaves!



People's Litter

Bottles, cans, paper and other trash are not nature's litter. At the beach, in the woods, or next to a road, litter on the ground can hurt wildlife and the environment because people's litter does not naturally belong. It also takes away from the environment's natural beauty. Look all around before you leave an area and take all your trash to the trash can, recycling bin or dumpster.



There is more this way!



SERVICE ACTIVITY

LITTER LINGO

Search for these words in the puzzle below. Circle the words which are nature's litter and draw a line through the words which are people's litter. Draw a box around each word which is not either. One of each type has been done for you!

BOTTLE

DIAPER

ENVIRONMENT

FEATHER

FISHING LINE

FLOWER

GRASS

LITTER

LEAVES

PALM FROND

PINE CONE

PINE NEEDLE

PLASTIC

RECYCLE

SOIL

~~TRASH~~

TWIGS

WRAPPER

L	U	P	F	T	R	A	S	H	S	T	T	L
E	S	I	L	W	F	L	H	T	X	N	E	I
A	P	N	O	I	X	I	L	I	E	N	K	T
V	F	E	W	G	R	A	X	M	I	R	L	T
E	R	C	E	S	R	R	N	L	C	S	W	E
S	E	O	R	A	S	O	G	O	W	O	R	R
D	C	N	G	N	R	N	S	E	I	I	A	P
I	Y	E	L	I	I	E	R	S	U	L	P	L
A	C	I	V	H	G	R	A	S	S	I	P	A
P	L	N	S	F	E	A	T	H	E	R	E	S
E	E	I	E	B	O	T	T	L	E	L	R	T
R	F	I	P	A	L	M	F	R	O	N	D	I
J	X	P	I	N	E	N	E	E	D	L	E	C

Use these words to write a statement below about how you can keep our parks and environment clean and litter free. Now share your message with your friends. If you share online do not forget the hashtag #FLStateParksJrRanger! There are also many opportunities for you to help! Ask a member of the park staff about events to help keep our parks clean.



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