

Model litter ordinance available to communities

The Louisiana Local Government Litter Ordinance Template and Handbook was created to assist communities with an enforceable, easy to implement model litter ordinance.

To combat litter and aquatic trash in the state of Louisiana, citizens, environmental groups and government representatives came together to form the Louisiana Aquatic Litter Alliance(LALA).

Under the auspices of the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency's Trash Free Waters national program, in collaboration with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and representative of state and local groups, a model ordinance and handbook were created.

This ordinance and the handbook can be used by communities, municipalities and cities to encourage people to take personal responsibility when it comes to littering. The handbook details the ordinance, how to set up a litter court and much more valuable information. It is a how to guide how-to guide for developing and implementing a litter control program in any municipal and parish governments that can help address aquatic trash.

It is available at <http://water.epa.gov/type/oceb/marinedebris/>