

TRASH FREE COMMUNITY

YOUR LITTER HITS CLOSE TO HOME.



DATE
ADDRESS

Dear **NAME OF LEADER** (make sure to include appropriate title):

I am writing to introduce you to the Trash Free **NAME OF COMMUNITY** initiative that is taking place in our community to reduce litter and to invite you to participate in this effort. We are working with the Alice Ferguson Foundation, **PARTNER**, and **PARTNER** to ensure clean land, safe water, and healthy lives for those in our community with our litter prevention campaign aimed at changing the attitudes and behaviors of litterers.

As a **LEADER TITLE** in the **NAME OF COMMUNITY**, we invite you to sign the Trash Free Community pledge, which commits its signatories to working towards solutions for Trash Free Community. Participating in the litter prevention campaign and trash reduction activities will send a strong message that our community cares about and is diligently protecting and maintaining its neighborhood and environment. Along with signing the pledge, we would appreciate it if you would verbally announce the community workshops and clean-up activities *and* include the information in your service bulletins. We also welcome members of the congregation to attend these events. *See attached document for list of events and workshops.*

(only send this part to religious leaders who use the Old Testament)

In Genesis 1:26, 2:15, as you know, God gives us responsibility to care for His Creation—nature and the environment:

²⁶ *...let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."*

¹⁵ *Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to tend and keep it.*

Celebrating the wonder of Creation **requires us** to be respectful and faithful stewards. **The Trash Free Community activities aim to help residents understand personal and community behaviors that lead to littering in order to initiate personal and community strategies to stop littering and become those faithful stewards.**

Thank you for your strengthening our neighborhood and reclaiming our environment by supporting a Trash Free **COMMUNITY NAME**. Please contact **NAME** at **EMAIL** or **TELEPHONE NUMBER** with any questions or if you would a formal presentation on the activities.

Sincerely,

NAME
COMMUNITY NAME Local Community Outreach Coordinator



Piece by piece, litter adds up, and makes the places we go to every day unsafe and unhealthy.

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HEALTHY LIVES.