

# Get rid of those Butts - Join the Growing Number of Volunteers Ridding the Environment of the #1 Littered Item

*The Way to Happiness Association Tampa Bay found that the most common trash item removed is cigarette butts - 4.5 million every year.*

CLEARWATER, FLORIDA, US, May 8, 2019 /EINPresswire.com/ -- On May 5th, in an effort to rid their neighborhoods of toxins and after discovering that cigarette butts are the world's #1 littered item containing dangerous toxins, volunteers from [The Way to Happiness](#) (TWTH) Association Tampa Bay took to the streets in Clearwater's Gateway Neighborhood to remove offending litter. For the past eight weeks TWTH volunteers have been ensuring no cigarette butt is left behind during their cleanups - almost 5,000 butts so far.

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According to Clean Virginia Waterways, “[Cigarette butts] also present a threat to wildlife. Cigarette filters have been found in the stomachs of fish, birds, whales and other marine creatures who mistake them for food.” For the

past eight weeks TWTH volunteers have been collecting trash every weekend ensuring no cigarette butt is missed out, with over 4300 of these toxic cigarette butts removed.

Not only affecting the animals themselves but also the environment, as per cleanupday.org, “One cigarette butt alone can contaminate 7 liters of water in one hour and studies show that about half of all animals that are exposed to the contaminated water get sick from the chemicals of cigarette butts.” Toxic arsenic, lead and other chemicals leach from the millions of littered cigarette butts into the water and oceans.

“The Way to Happiness volunteers have become highly aware of this issue and are stepping up to clean the neighborhood of the tiny toxic trash,” says Executive Director of The Way to Happiness, Tanja Cranton. “With that we are curtailing further harm to the ground water and wild life.”

In the chapter Safeguard and Improve your Environment of The Way to Happiness book, L Ron Hubbard wrote, “Care of the Planet begins in one’s own front yard. It extends through the area one travels to get to school or work. It covers such places as where one picnics or one goes on vacation. The litter which messes up the terrain and water supply, the dead brush which invites fire, these are things one need not contribute to and which, in otherwise idle moments, one can do something about.”

The Way to Happiness is one of nine humanitarian outreach programs sponsored by the Church of [Scientology](http://www.scientology.tv) (<http://www.scientology.tv>) and is holding the next community cleanup this Saturday May 11th at 10AM.

For more information on the program or to join in the cleanup projects, please contact The Way to Happiness Community Center on 33 N. Fort Harrison Ave, Clearwater FL 33755. Open daily from 10am - 10pm or call: (727) 467 6961.

### The Way to Happiness

The Way to Happiness booklet, written by [L. Ron Hubbard](#), is available in 115 languages, with some 115 million copies distributed in 186 nations. The campaign to distribute the book has been embraced by more than 257,000 groups and individuals. The booklet holds the Guinness World Record as the single most-translated nonreligious book and fills the moral vacuum in an increasingly materialistic society.

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Volunteers from The Way to Happiness Association Tampa Bay have joined thousands cleaning up cigarette butts and other litter from our environment.