

TOBACCO AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Tobacco use is not only a health issue — it is also an **environmental issue.**

1,134,292 cigarette butts were cleaned from **beaches and waterways** in 2021, making them the world's second most common type of litter after food wrappers.



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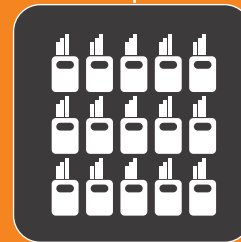
40%

In California, **40% of fires** at waste facilities between 2016-2018 were **caused by lithium-ion batteries**, which are found in e-cigarettes.



600M

Approximately **600 million trees** are **chopped down** every year by the tobacco industry. On average each tree produces enough paper for **15 packs of cigarettes**. As of 2022, tobacco farming is responsible for 5% of all global deforestation.



2.7M TONS

In 2019, Americans generated **6.92 kilotons of consumer electronic waste**, including **e-cigarette waste**, that ultimately ends up in landfills or incinerators.



17M



Production and consumption of tobacco releases **carbon dioxide equivalent to driving 17 million gas powered cars** each year, according to a 2022 report from the World Health Organization.