

PalmettoPride Brings You

Litter-Free Games

Making High School Football Games Litter-Free in SC



We all enjoy sporting events, but more often than not litter is left behind in the stands and near concession stands long after the fans go home. At PalmettoPride, our goal is to eradicate litter in South Carolina. The key to eradicating litter is preventing it from happening in the first place. Education is a key component to prevent litter. South Carolina schools have taken steps towards teaching students about environmental sciences and providing new ways in which students can protect our environment. Help us take those lessons from the classroom to the ball field.

The benefits of creating litter-free games are numerous.

Litter-free games give students an opportunity to learn valuable environmental lessons, leadership skills and management skills. We would like to see a student club or organization coordinate efforts for their school. *This is a good opportunity for school clubs to participate in community service projects and earn money.*

Litter-free games will cut down on the time it takes custodial staff and groundskeepers to clean up after fans have left. Litter-free games create an inviting environment for friends, families and visitors to your school sporting events. Litter-free games will cost you nothing but you'll get respect and good publicity from everyone in your community.

**We've prepared a guide for you on how to set up Litter-Free Games.
PalmettoPride will provide all the supplies you will need.
You provide student leadership and enthusiasm.**

How to Create Litter-Free Games

For Clubs or Organizations:

1. Choose one home game to designate as Litter-Free. Get permission from your school to host a litter-free game. Fill out the application and send it to PalmettoPride.
2. Publicize the game around the school, in your newsletters, on your school's website, etc.
3. Post signs around your school and at the entrances to your stadium or football field.
4. Pass out PalmettoPride litterbags to everyone who comes to the game. Ask people to throw their trash away in those bags at the end of the game. Give out new litter bags when they leave.
5. Make sure that trash cans are readily available and visible.
6. Announce throughout the game that it is litter-free – maybe have your mascot demonstrate in pre-game activities.
7. Thank everyone for participating in your Litter-Free event!

The number of Litter-Free Games is limited and on a first come-first serve. Only game per school is permitted.

From PalmettoPride:

PalmettoPride is here to help you coordinate this event. We understand that our schools' resources are spread thin. For this event, PalmettoPride will provide the following:

1. Litter bags for everyone who comes to the game.
2. Signs for the stadium and entrances to the game.
3. A \$200 award to the club or group that coordinates this event.*

***A teacher or school representative will have to confirm that club or group fulfilled their obligations to this project in order to receive the award.**

Here are some creative ideas to make your event even better!

- Have your school mascot compete in a trash toss competition before the game - maybe a coach or a favorite teacher or the principal will play along. Or a visitor from the stands!
- Have the cheerleaders make up a special anti-litter cheer.
- Introduce the custodial staff and announce that because of the litter-free event, they have been given the night off!
- Have your game sponsors give out raffle items at the game to support the litter-free event.

Application for Participation

To register your plans for a Litter-Free Game, please fill out this form and mail it or fax it to the contact information listed below **at least three weeks before** your designated game:

PalmettoPride
Attn: Sarah Lyles
2700 Middleburg Drive, Suite 216
Columbia, SC 29204
Fax: 803-758-6032

School: _____

School Representative: _____

School Group in Charge: _____

Address: _____

Day Phone: _____ Other Phone (optional): _____

Email: _____

Fax: _____

Date of Game: _____

Estimated Attendance: _____

Special Plans to Enhance Event: