

## KC Litter Reduction Campaign



### Description and Benefit

To tackle the litter issues in Kansas City, the district implemented a contract to pick up 78 miles of interstate every two weeks. This process led to the question of, where does all the litter come from? After research and observations, we determined local trash haulers were the bulk of the problem with improperly tarped loads. The district decided to take a 3-pronged approach with education, enforcement and one-on-one contacts to address the issue. Letters were sent to all trash haulers in the area explaining how much MoDOT spends picking up litter. We informed the haulers of their legal obligation to tarp their loads and gave them notice of upcoming enforcement. District communications staff worked with local media to educate them on how litter is getting on roadsides and the trash haulers role in the situation. The district then worked with local law enforcement to perform five observations focusing on landfills and transfer stations. That observation resulted in 147 inspections and 222 violations. Forty-one of the violations were related to load securement. MoDOT employees are encouraged to be on the lookout for faulty tarping with haulers and to inform the District Engineer so the company can be notified. Several follow-up emails and letters regarding the 41 violations have been sent to hauling companies as well as Missouri State Highway Patrol. Since we began contacting the trash haulers and working with enforcement, we are seeing improvements. There is still work to do, but this effort is making a positive difference in our community.

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