



**THIS IS  
LITTER TOO.**

## **Cigarette Butts are Costly to Clean Up**

Please dispose of extinguished cigarette butts in a proper waste receptacle. Smokers litter around 4.5 trillion butts annually. It is estimated that VDOT spends \$6.5 million of our tax money on litter pick up.

## **Cigarette Butts Don't Disappear**

About 95% of cigarette filters are composed of cellulose acetate, a plastic which persists in the environment for years and even decades.

## **Cigarette Butts are Harmful to Waterways and Wildlife**

Nicotine is a powerful insecticide, among the deadliest of all plant products. Most littered butts end up in storm drains and then our waterways, where they release toxic chemicals that have accumulated in the filters.