

WHY CARRY IN, CARRY OUT?

Thank you for being a steward of your **Monroe County Parks** by taking an active role in keeping them clean and green. There are many ways that your Carry-in, Carry-out policy helps to improve your parks.

Taking responsibility for our waste encourages awareness of our impact on natural resources, and can prompt environmentally-friendly behaviors such as recycling, and use of recycled-content or biodegradable products.

The parks belong to all of us... so just like our homes, it is our responsibility to care for the parks and protect them for generations to come.

- **FOSTERS** a partnership between visitors and the parks by encouraging all visitors to help maintain clean parks.
- **EMPOWERS** and **ENCOURAGES** the public to take responsibility in keeping parks clean.
- **ELIMINATES** unsightly trash and receptacles in the park environment that can detract from the beauty of the natural environment.
- **REDUCES** unsightly litter in the park environment, which can impact wildlife and their habitat significantly.
- **AVOIDS** the unpleasant smells and messes associated with dumpsters.
- **INCREASES** the safety of your visit by reducing the number of bees, wasps, and other pests, such as skunks and rats, in the picnic areas and camp grounds.
- **IMPROVES** health of wildlife by reducing their dependency on trash as a food source.
- **SAVES** money used to pay for trash disposal, which can then be spent to improve your parks in other ways.
- **REDIRECTS** staff resources to other necessary park improvement projects.
- **PROMPTS** parks users to use eco-friendly (*recyclable, recycled, biodegradable, or sustainable materials and supplies*).
- **CONSERVES** your parks for future generations to enjoy.