

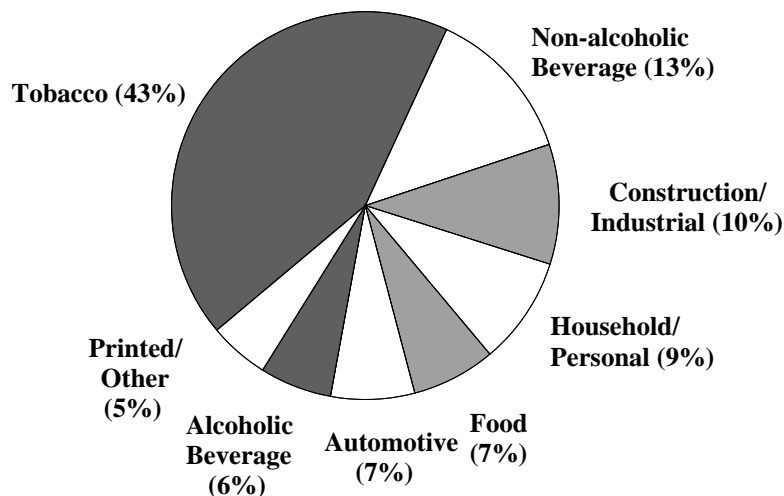
## A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

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### *Tobacco-Related Litter Most Commonly Found Litter on Texas Roadways*

Approximately 1.1 billion pieces of litter accumulated on Texas highways in 2009, according to data from the Texas Visible Litter Study. The primary source of this litter was tobacco products (43%), consisting mainly of cigarette butts. Not only have tobacco products remained the most prevalent source of litter on Texas roads across the 2001, 2005, and 2009 Visible Litter Studies, they have actually increased in prevalence in recent years (from 33% in 2005 to 43% in 2009). According to the authors, the “increase in cigarette butts over the past four years also suggests that more campaigns should target tobacco users to reduce litter, which could include partnerships with tobacco producers to distribute a ‘personal ashtray’ that allows smokers to keep the containment device in their cars without using the vehicle’s ashtray” (p. 24).

**Types of Litter Found on Texas Roadways, 2009**



NOTE: Litter was collected from November 2008 to May 2009 from 163 research segments across Texas, each consisting of a 1,000-foot-long stretch of Texas Department of Transportation maintained roadways.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from NuStats, *Texas Department of Transportation 2009 Visible Litter Study Final Report*, April 2010. Available at [http://dontmesswithtexas.org/wpcontent/uploads/2010/04/TxDOT\\_2009\\_VLSFullReport.pdf](http://dontmesswithtexas.org/wpcontent/uploads/2010/04/TxDOT_2009_VLSFullReport.pdf).

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