

New Cigarette Butt Collectors Will Help Keep Lee Clean

We installed seven *Sidewalk Buttlers* to reduce the number of cigarette butts on streets and sidewalks downtown. Five of the 14-inch-tall collectors are branded for the Committee and two were purchased from *Keep Massachusetts Beautiful* and have its branding. **The *Sidewalk Buttlers* allow users to dispose of their butts without first having to snuff them out.**

Five of the attractive black receptacles with colorful decals are attached at approximately eye level to light posts downtown: just south of Bucky's Tavern, in front of the Morgan House, in front of Meow and Growl, between entrances to Cakewalk and Timothy's, and in front of Goodwill and Joe's Diner. Two other collectors are on No Parking sign posts in the alley adjacent to Town Hall behind the first block of Main Street businesses.



Butt Collector in front of the Morgan House

In addition, we placed a stand-alone butt collector near the bus stop on Frank Consolati Way, which is similar to the ones just east of Town Hall and at the north end of the alley behind Salmon Run.

Cigarette butts are a serious litter problem downtown. The containers, which are manufactured in Maine, are used across the country. Several of the collectors were in place over the winter and have already been used to keep hundreds of butts off the ground, helping to make downtown cleaner and more attractive.

As part of its monthly cleanups, we will empty the containers and recycle the butts using a free service offered by *TerraCycle*. We've developed a flyer and will provide copies upon request.

Anyone with questions or concerns should contact Valerie Bluhm (802-272-6195) or Peter Hofman (603-767-4250), respectively the Committee's Vice Chair and Chair.