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Unfortunately, we live in a predominantly lazy, throwaway society. It's much easier to bung an empty bottle in the trash--or even leave it on a bench, or toss it out the window, if you're truly cretinous. (I wish fines on littering were far more punitive.) If return fees are attached, at least there is a small incentive to do the right thing--and return bottles for a refund.

Most conscientious consumers are now in the habit of collecting their own empty bottles and returning them to point of purchase when they do their errands. It's a good habit to get into. The sight of a discarded Bud Lite blights on our gorgeous landscape, and it makes me mad as hell. And if litterbugs are not going to return empties anyway, boy scouts and clean-up crews will still have some small measure of remuneration if they collect them and do the dirty work.

Thank you.

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