

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY	<b>2020 State of New Jersey Litter Control Fee Return</b> N.J.S.A. 13:1E-213 et seq. Tax Year Ending December 31, 2020 <b>DUE DATE: File on or before March 15, 2021</b>	<b>LF-5</b> (11-20)	
Check level at which principal products are sold: <input type="checkbox"/> Wholesale <input type="checkbox"/> Retail <input type="checkbox"/> Both		(A) Retail Sales	(B) Wholesale Sales
<b>Both sides of this form must be completed.</b>	1. Gross Receipts (See instruction 5)		
Federal Employer I.D. Number _____	2. Less Deductions (See instruction 5)		
Business Name _____	3. Balance Subject to Fee (Subtract line 2 from line 1)		
Mailing Address _____	4. Fee Rate (See instruction 5)	.000225	.0003
City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____	5. Amount of Fee Due (Multiply line 3 by line 4)		
	6. Add Penalty and Interest (See instruction 5)		
	7. Amount Due (Add line 5 and line 6)		
	8. <b>Total Amount Due</b> (Add line 7A and line 7B)		
Make check payable to State of NJ – Litter Control Fee			

**Detach at perforation – Read instructions carefully before completing this return**

**1. Who is Subject to the Fee** – The litter control fee is imposed on each person engaged in business in this State as a retailer, manufacturer, wholesaler, or distributor of litter-generating products. Any retailer (but not a wholesaler) with less than \$500,000 in annual retail sales of litter-generating products is exempt from this fee. Restaurants are not deemed “retailers” for purposes of this fee if they have less than 10% in annual retail sales of meals or food prepared for off-premises consumption, or 50% or more of their activity is selling meals or food prepared for on-premises consumption.” Check box 4(b) on back of form.

**2. Sales Subject to the Fee** – The retail sales and/or wholesale sales of litter-generating products sold within and into New Jersey are subject to the Litter Control Fee. A “wholesale sale” is a sale for resale. A “retail sale” is a sale for ultimate consumption or any purpose other than resale. Indicate the type of sales activity in your business by checking the appropriate line on the reverse side of the return. “Sales within the State” means all retail sales and all wholesale sales by any persons engaged in business within New Jersey of litter-generating products for use and consumption within New Jersey. It shall be presumed that all sales of litter-generating products sold within the State are for use and consumption within the State unless the business shows that the products are shipped out-of-State for out-of-State use. Additionally, “sales within the State” or “sold within New Jersey” means all sales of litter-generating products from points outside New Jersey having a New Jersey destination made by every manufacturer, wholesaler, distributor, and retailer having nexus with New Jersey without regard to the state in which title passes or delivery takes place.

**3. Litter-Generating Products Subject to Fee** – Litter-generating products are the fifteen categories of products listed below that meet any of the following conditions:

- (a) Products produced, distributed, or purchased in disposable containers, packages, or wrappings; or
- (b) Products not usually sold in packages, containers, or wrappings but are commonly discarded in public places; or
- (c) Products of an unsightly or unsanitary nature commonly thrown, dropped, discarded, placed, or deposited by a person on public property, or on private property not owned by them.

It shall be presumed that all products in the following categories listed satisfy at least one of the above conditions and qualify as a litter-generating product.

- 1. Groceries;
- 2. Nondrug drugstore sundry products;
- 3. Food for human or pet consumption;
- 4. Soft drinks and carbonated waters;
- 5. Beer and other malt beverages;

- 6. Wine;
- 7. Distilled spirits;
- 8. Cigarettes and tobacco products;
- 9. Cleaning agents and toiletries;
- 10. Paper products and household paper except books, roll stock and wood pulp;
- 11. Newsprint and magazine paper stock;
- 12. Motor vehicle tires;
- 13. Glass containers sold as such;
- 14. Metal containers sold as such; and
- 15. Plastic or fiber containers made of synthetic material and sold as such (not including any container which is routinely reused, has a useful life of more than one year and is ordinarily sold empty at retail).

**NOTE:** Litter Control Fee guidelines that include definitions of the above products are available on request from the Division’s Taxpayer Forms Service, PO Box 269, Trenton, New Jersey 08695-0269, phone 1-800-323-4400 or 609-292-6400. The guidelines are also available on the Division’s website at [njtaxation.org](http://njtaxation.org) under the Publications option.

**4. Fee Calculation Methods** – The fee may be calculated using any one of the following three methods. Be sure to check the appropriate box indicating the method used on the reverse side of the fee return.

- (a) General Method – The business may apply the proper fee rate to its gross receipts from **retail sales of litter-generating products** within or into New Jersey and/or its gross receipts from **wholesale sales of litter-generating products** within or into New Jersey that were sold during the period covered by the return; or
- (b) Total Sales Method – In lieu of maintaining detailed records which would substantiate the business’s gross receipts figure(s) from sales of litter-generating products, the business may elect to apply the proper fee rate to its gross receipts from retail sales of **all products** within or into New Jersey and/or its gross receipts from wholesale sales of **all products** within or into New Jersey that were sold during the period covered by the return; or
- (c) Percentage Sales Method – As a third alternative, the business may elect to apply the proper fee rate to the proportionate amount of its gross receipts from retail sales of **all products** within or into New Jersey and/or the proportionate amount of its gross receipts from wholesale sales of **all products** within or into New Jersey that were sold during the period covered by the return. The percentage(s) should reflect the portion of total retail sales and/or total wholesale sales represented by sales of litter-generating products in those sales categories. The percentage(s) must be determined from actual sales data from a sample period of at least one month within the

**Complete the Following:** (Check off all applicable items)

1. Principal Business Activity
  - (a)  Manufacturer (maker, fabricator, or processor)
  - (b)  Wholesaler or Distributor (more than 50% of total sales are wholesale)
  - (c)  Retailer (more than 50% of total sales are retail)
  - (d)  None of the above. (Identify) \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. Principal Product(s) Sold \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. Check Fee Calculation Method Used (See instruction 4)
  - (a)  General    (b)  Total Sales    (c)  Percentage of Sales
  
4. If the business is **not subject** to this fee, state the reason for such claim.
  - (a)  The business is a retailer with less than \$500,000 in annual retail sales of litter-generating products.
  - (b)  The business is a restaurant with less than 10% in annual retail sales of meals or food prepared for off-premises consumption, or 50% or more of its activity is selling meals or food prepared for on-premises consumption.
  - (c)  The business does not sell any litter-generating products.
  - (d)  Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to: State of NJ – Litter Control Fee**

**Mail return with payment to: Division of Taxation, Litter Control Fee, Revenue Processing Center, PO Box 274, Trenton, NJ 08646-0274.**

I swear, verify, and/or affirm that all information on this return is correct. I am aware that if any of the foregoing information provided by me is knowingly false, I am subject to punishment.

(Date)	(Signature of Duly Authorized Officer of Fee Payer)	(Title)
(Date)	(Return Preparer's Signature)	(Address)
	(Name of Return Preparer's Employer)	(Preparer's I.D. Number)
	(Address)	(Employer's I.D. Number)

return period that is representative of the business's sales activity during the entire period covered by the return. This percentage is calculated by dividing the gross receipts from sales of litter-generating products by the gross receipts from total sales for the sample period.

**NOTE:** For purposes of calculating the fee using any of the three methods indicated, the business may, in lieu of segregating retail sales from wholesale sales, calculate the fee by applying the wholesale fee rate (.0003) to the total gross receipts from all sales determined to be subject to the Litter Control Fee.

**5. Itemized Instructions**

**Line 1 – Gross Receipts of Litter-Generating Products:** Enter the gross receipts (whole dollars only) from retail sales in column A and the gross receipts from wholesale sales in column B of litter-generating products sold within or into New Jersey during the period covered by the return. Gross receipts must be reported on the accrual basis and **not** as collections are made. Refer to instruction 2 regarding sales subject to the fee.

**Line 2 – Deductions:** Enter the gross receipts (whole dollars only) from sales of litter-generating products that fall into any of the following categories:

- (a) A sale of a litter-generating product by a wholesaler or distributor to another wholesaler or distributor (A wholesaler or distributor is a person primarily making wholesale sales rather than retail sales and does not include a manufacturer);
- (b) A sale of a litter-generating product by a company to another company owned wholly by the same individuals or companies; and
- (c) A sale of a litter-generating product by a wholesaler or distributor owned cooperatively by retailers to those retailers.

**Line 3 – Balance Subject to Fee:** Subtract line 2 from line 1 and enter on line 3.

**Line 4 – Fee Rate:** Gross receipts from retail sales of litter-generating products sold within or into New Jersey are subject to the fee at the rate of 2.25/100 of 1% (.000225). Gross receipts from wholesale sales of litter-generating products sold within or into New Jersey are subject to the fee at the rate of 3/100 of 1% (.0003).

**Line 5 – Amount of Fee Due:** Multiply line 3 by line 4 in column (A) and/or column (B) to calculate the fee due.

**Line 6 – Add: Penalty and Interest –** Failure of any business to file a Litter Control Fee return by the due date and/or failure to make remittance for the fee due by said date will subject the business to penalty and interest charges as follows:

**A. Penalty Charges:**

1. Late Filing – 5% per month or part of a month of the underpayment not to exceed 25% of such underpayment. Also, a penalty may be imposed of \$100 for each month or part of a month the return is delinquent.
2. Late Payment – 5% of the balance of fee due paid late may be imposed.

**B. Interest Charge:**

The annual interest rate is 3% above the average predominant prime rate. Interest is imposed each month or part of a month on the unpaid balance of fee from the original due date to the date of payment. At the end of each calendar year, any fee, penalties and interest remaining due will become part of the balance on which interest will be charged.

**NOTE:** The average predominant prime rate is the rate as determined by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, quoted by commercial banks to large businesses on December 1st of the calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year in which payment was due or as redetermined by the Director in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:48-2.

**Line 7 – Amount Due:** Add line 5 and line 6 for column (A) and/or column (B).

**Line 8 – Total Amount Due:** Add line 7, column (A) and line 7, column (B). This is the amount you must remit with your return.

**6. Filing Requirements**

- (a) Each business subject to the Litter Control Fee must file an annual fee return on or before March 15 of each year for the preceding calendar year's fee liability.
- (b) The return must be signed by an officer of the fee payer authorized to act to the effect that the statements contained therein are true. Return preparers who fail to sign the return or provide their assigned tax ID number shall be liable for a \$25 penalty for each such failure.
- (c) All records and other supporting documents that are used in completing this return must be retained and made available for examination for at least five years following the filing of this return.

**7. Electronic Funds Transfers –** The Division of Revenue and Enterprise Services has established procedures to allow the remittance of tax payments through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Taxpayers with a prior year's liability of \$10,000 or more in any one tax are required to remit all tax payments using EFT. If you have any questions concerning the EFT program, call 609-292-9292, Option 6, or write to N.J. Division of Revenue and Enterprise Services, EFT Section, PO Box 191, Trenton, NJ 08646-0191.