



Inmate litter removal program captures 5 tons of trash in Covington County over 3 months

COLLINS – The Covington County Sheriff's Office says a new inmate litter-removal program is making a big difference in the area.

The program, which began three months ago, uses non-violent state inmates to pick up trash across the county.

Authorities say so far, about five tons, or 700 large bags of trash, have been collected. Officers say the program can have an even greater impact if residents remember to dispose of their trash properly.

"It's been very successful, absolutely," Covington County Sheriff's Office Litter Enforcement Officer Justin Corley said.

"Of course, you'll always have trash on the side of the road, but our goal here is to get it cleaned up as quickly as possible and keep a clean Covington County."

The program is a partnership that includes Covington County, the Mississippi Department of Corrections and the Mississippi Department of Transportation.

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