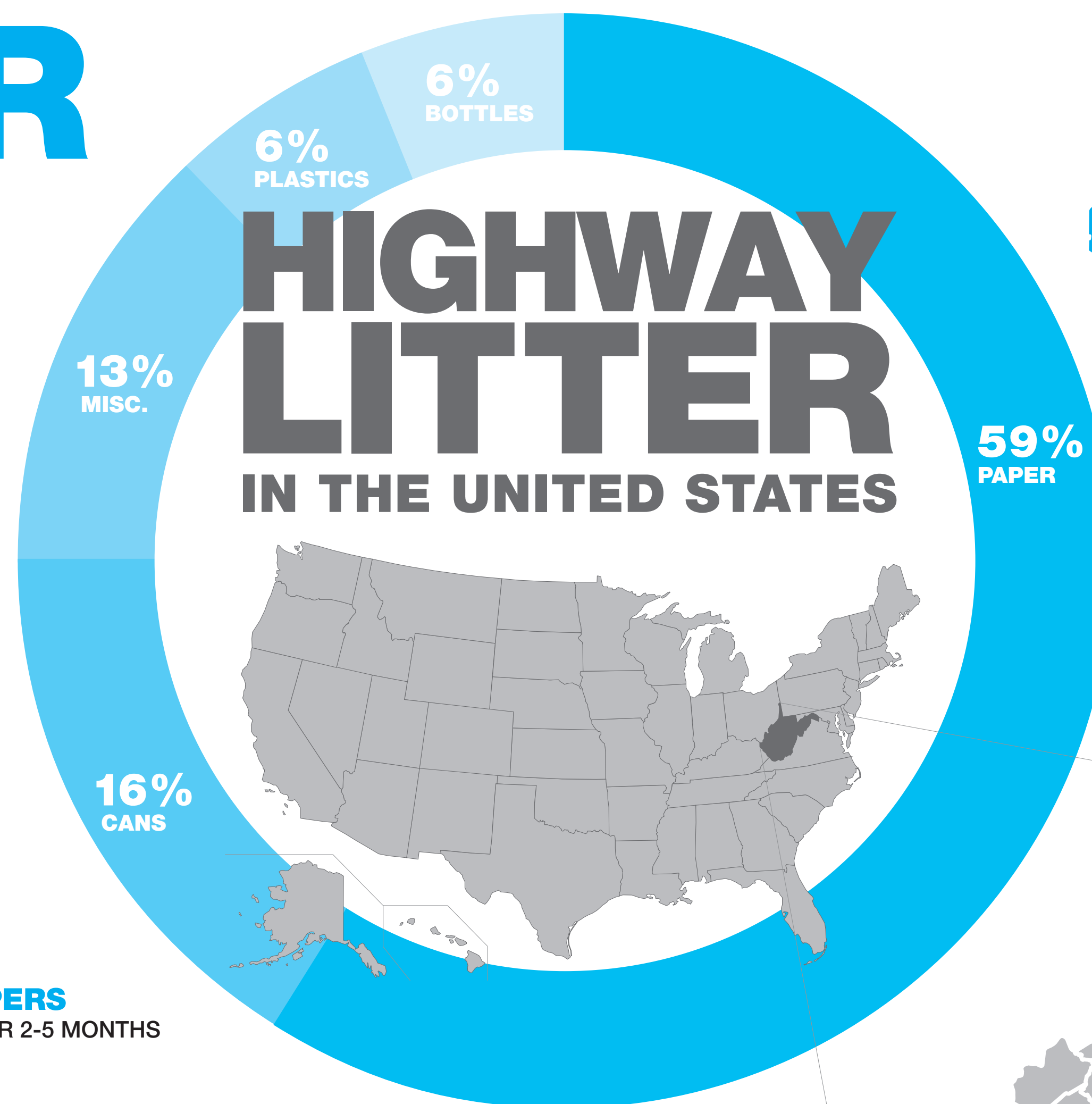


TRASH AND LITTER



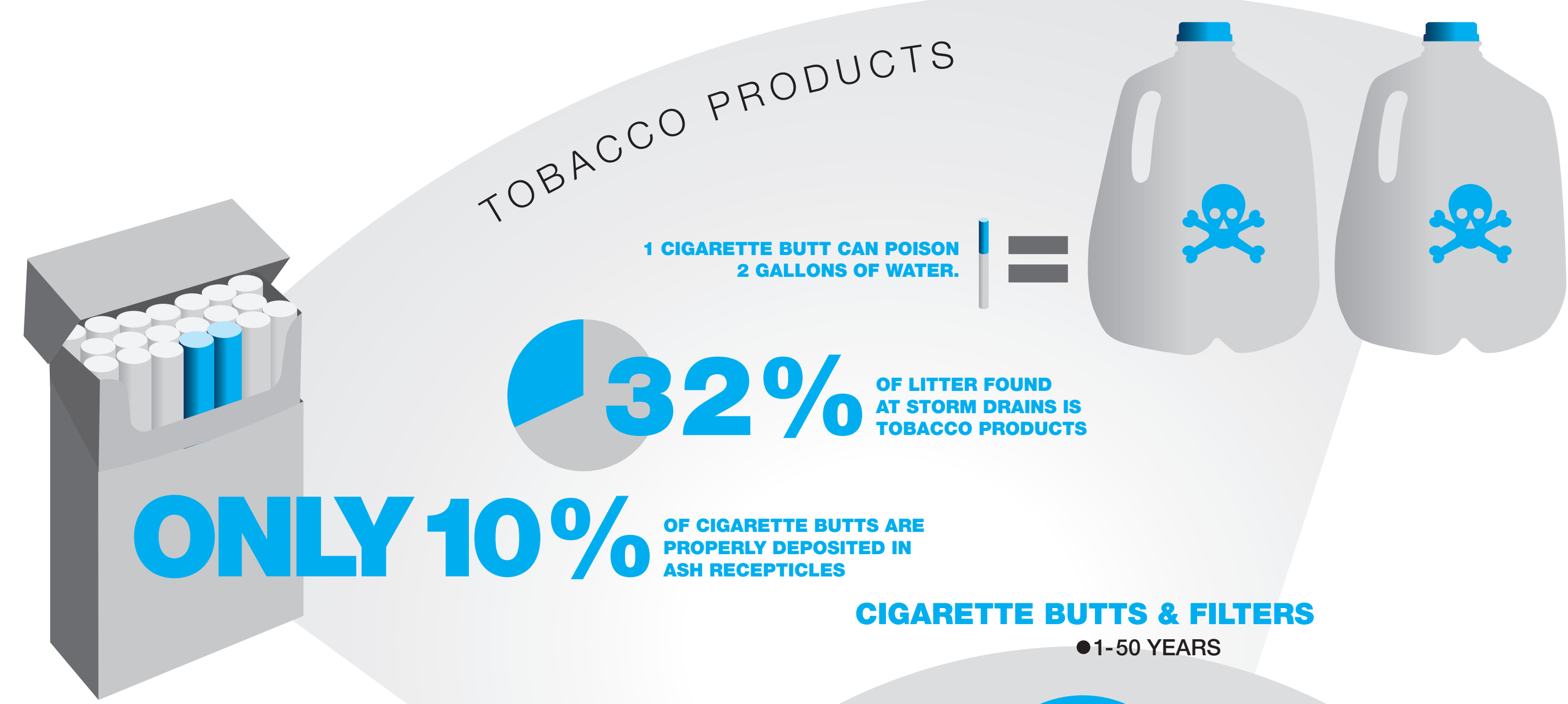
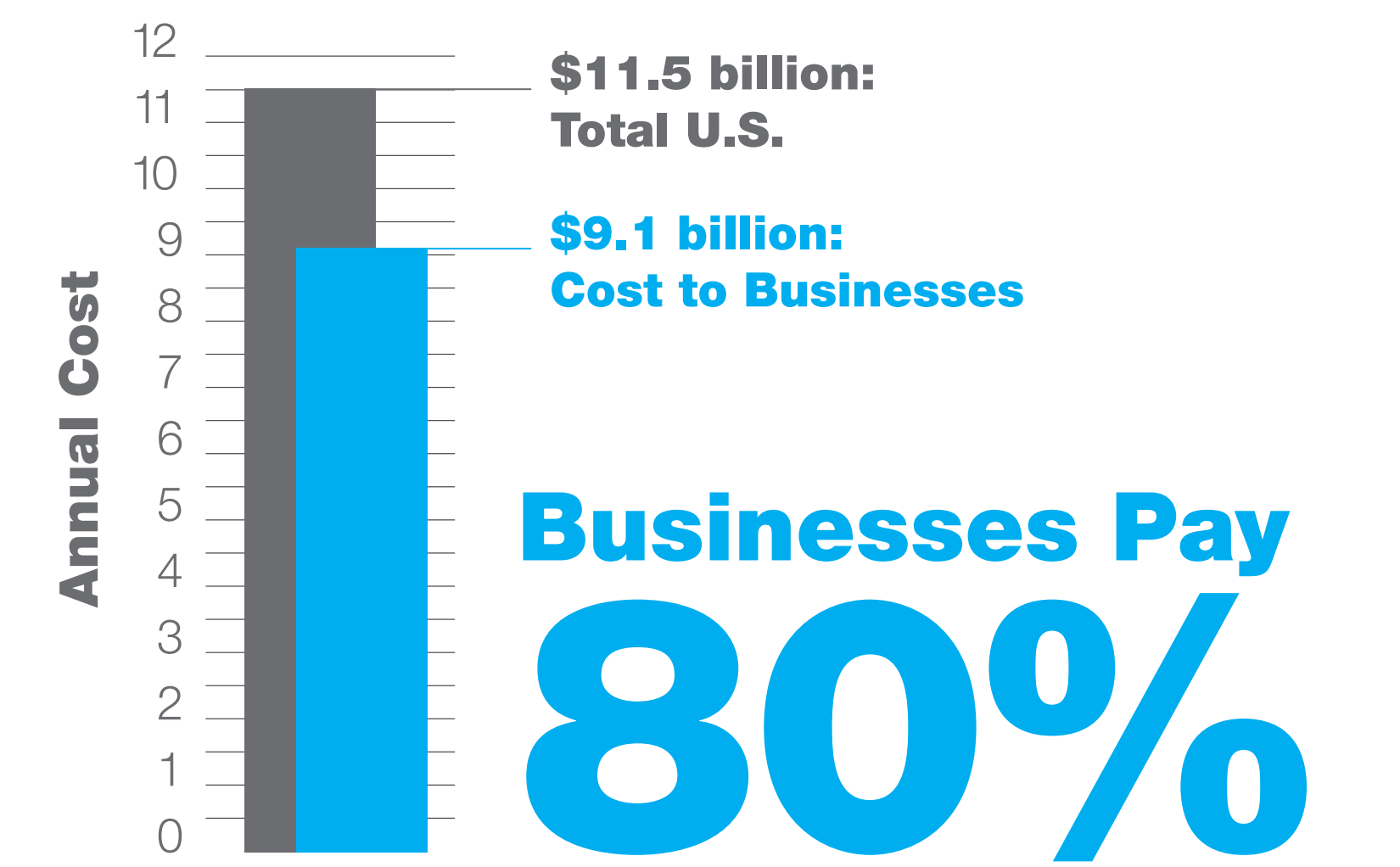
OVER **800** AMERICANS ARE **KILLED**

each year in litter-attributed motor vehicle accidents, based upon National Highway Traffic Safety Administration statistics.

\$115 MILLION THE ANNUAL COST OF ROADSIDE LITTER CONTROL NATIONWIDE

\$1 MILLION+ WEST VIRGINIA SPENDS ANNUALLY TO REMOVE LITTER FROM STATE HIGHWAYS

Litter cleanup costs in the U.S. (\$ Billions)



APPROXIMATELY 380 BILLION PLASTIC BAGS ARE USED IN THE U. S. EVERY YEAR. MORE THAN 1,200 BAGS PER US RESIDENT, PER YEAR.

2/3 OF ALL BEVERAGE CONTAINERS IN THE UNITED STATES NEVER GET RECYCLED!

ONE TRILLION 3,048 TIMES THE NUMBER OF ALUMINUM CANS THROWN AWAY IN THE U.S. FROM 1972-2003 ENOUGH TO CIRCLE THE EARTH

2X MORE PLASTIC BOTTLES WASTED THAN RECYCLED

Around 802 thousand tons of PET plastic bottles were recycled nationwide in 2011, but more than two times as much PET was wasted: 1.9 million tons.

IT TAKES **95% LESS** ENERGY TO RECYCLE ALUMINUM THAN IT DOES TO MAKE IT FROM RAW MATERIALS.



FRIENDS OF DECKERS CREEK WV ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

WEST VIRGINIA ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

- 4,000 MILES OF HIGHWAY
- 25,000 NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS
- 40 MILLION POUNDS OF LITTER

HOURS WORKED	642	NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS	208+
NUMBER OF CLEANUPS	46	POUNDS OF LITTER	66,255

SINCE 1995 **FRIENDS OF DECKERS CREEK HAS CLEANED UP OVER**

66,000 = 66,000 POUNDS OF TRASH THIS IS EQUIVALENT TO

STEINWAY GRAND PIANOS

OR THE AVERAGE AMERICAN'S TRASH PRODUCTION FOR 40 YEARS.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

► Report issues to your local litter officer
Monongalia County - mcswa.wordpress.com/litter-complaint or (304) 288-8401
Preston County - (304) 329-7031

► Organize a trash cleanup through Friends of Deckers Creek.
(304) 292-3970, info@deckerscreek.org

► Secure garbage and recycling for curbside pickup in cans with lids and within your vehicle.

► Watch for illegal trash dumping or properties that appear to be unsafe or unsanitary.

► Take action! Use creekdogg.org to report illegal trash issues.

► Properly dispose of cigarette butts.

► Adopt a highway!
www.dep.wv.gov/dlr/reap