Wait!
Don't Release Balloons!
There Are So Many
Uplifting, Litter-free
Alternatives!

A PreventBalloonLitter.org Fact Sheet





There are many memorable, longlasting and picture perfect alternatives to releasing balloons—that have another great benefit: they don't create harmful litter. Since 100% of balloons return to Earth as litter, please never release balloons (or paper lanterns) into the air.

Instead of letting the wind take away balloons to become harmful litter, pass around pinwheels for a colorful celebration.

Read on for more ideas!



Together Remember.

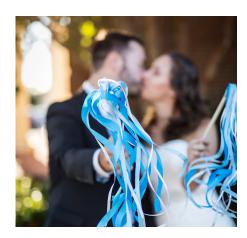
Together Honor.

Together Prevent Balloon Litter.

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Raise the level of excitement with noise makers to celebrate at parties, at outdoor sporting events, weddings and other joyful events.

Hold a beach, park or waterway cleanup in a place you visited and enjoyed to remember a loved one or to honor a person or group that impacted your life. Invite the press to attend to draw attention to the event.

Walk through waving ribbons wands in your wedding colors.

Add bells for a joyful noise. Easy to make as a delightful pre-wedding activity with your family and friends. Go to JoyfulSendoff.org for more ideas.

A community or family candlelight vigil to remember a loved one is a beautiful healing event.

Plant a native tree to celebrate the birth of a child, or sponsor a tree at a restoration

planting nearby. Take a picture of the child with the tree every year to show how they grow and reach new heights together.

Joyful, picture-perfect ideas for weddings and other celebratory events.

People of all ages love blowing bubbles. Release bubbles to celebrate, to honor or to remember. As they rise, they lift your prayers, love and spirits.

Yarn or paper pom-poms are a great way for guests to celebrate. Cheerfully wish a child or an adult a happy birthday, or a happy retirement. Create pompoms in your favorite sport team colors. Pompoms help create colorful and fun pictures.

Use glowsticks, signs, noise makers **to honor** essential workers and first responders in your community.

community to say thank you.

Expressive ways to come together as a

Plant a tree in your yard, or with approval in a park or place special to your loved **to remember** them. Add a plaque with a special message.

Contribute to the placement of benches, plaques, bricks, or other permanent memorial to remember loved ones.

To remember the life of a loved one, create a colorful wildlife garden with native plants that will attract butterflies and birds.

Uplifting ideas for memorials for loved ones.

Throw colorful beach balls into the air to celebrate, or toss to one another. Add more fun by putting hints on them for others to guess who tossed the ball.

Let paper airplanes fly to celebrate and to honor. Have guests write their well wishes on the airplane wings to save in your party scrap-book.

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