



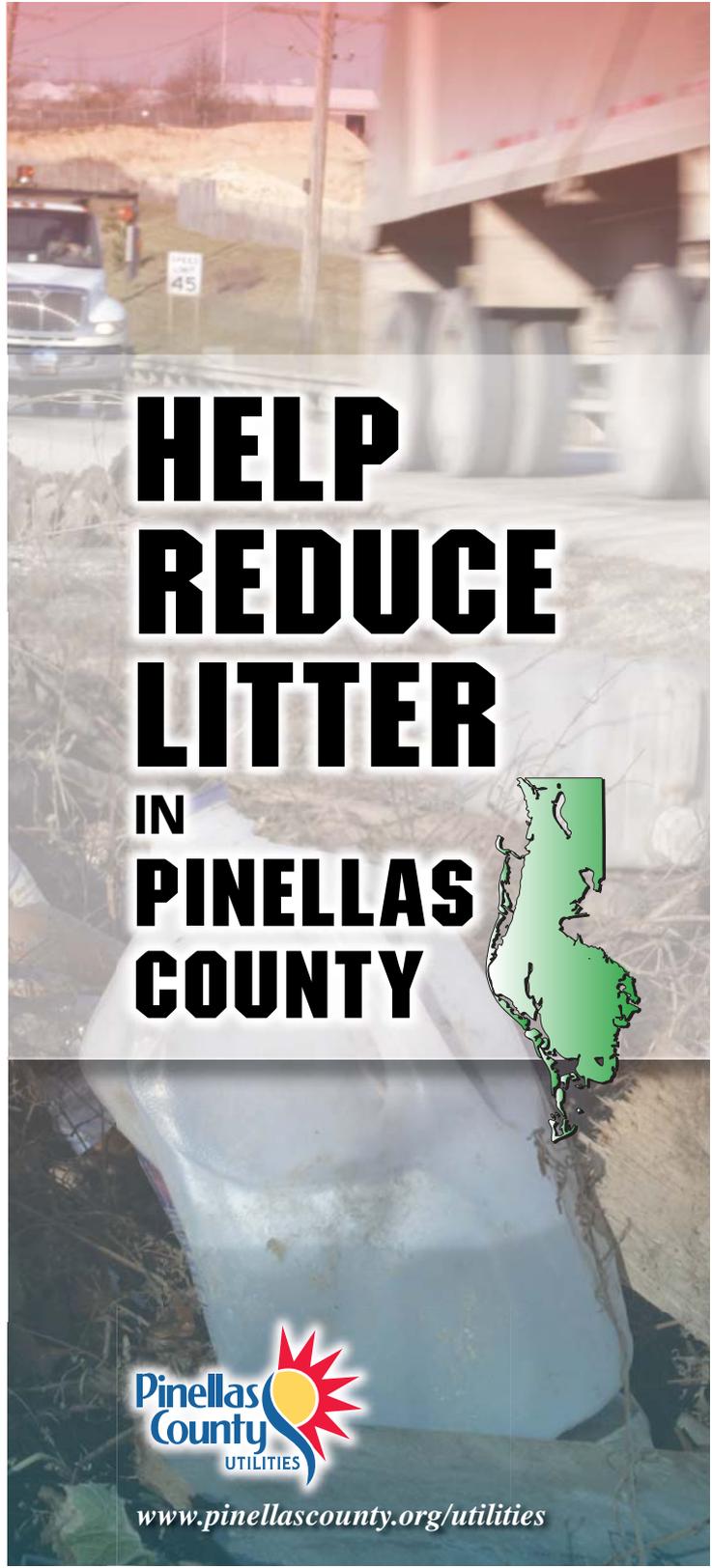
SAFE DRIVING TIPS

- ✓ Check tarp conditions daily.
- ✓ Repair or report any tarp defects immediately.
- ✓ Do not overload your vehicle.
- ✓ Cover and secure your load.
- ✓ Do your part to keep Pinellas County free of unnecessary debris.



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HELP REDUCE LITTER IN PINELLAS COUNTY



COVER YOURSELF...AND YOUR LOAD!



Pinellas County abides by a State Statute which addresses vehicle load transportation.

PROVISIONS OF FLORIDA STATUTE 316.520

- (1)** A vehicle may not be driven or moved on any highway unless the vehicle is so constructed or loaded as to prevent any of its load from dropping, shifting, leaking, blowing, or otherwise escaping therefrom, except that sand may be dropped only for the purpose of securing traction or water or other substance may be sprinkled on a roadway in cleaning or maintaining the roadway.
- (2)** It is the duty of every homeowner and driver, severally, of any vehicle hauling, upon any public road or highway open to the public, dirt, sand, lime rock, gravel, silica, or other similar aggregate or trash, garbage, or any similar material which could fall or blow from such vehicle, to prevent such materials from falling, blowing, or in any way escaping from such vehicle. Covering and securing the load with a close-fitting tarpaulin or other appropriate cover is required.

REASONS TO SECURE YOUR LOAD

- Litter is expensive to clean up.
- Loose or flying litter is hazardous to other vehicles near you.
- Uncovered loads are against the law.

PENALTIES

- Haulers are subject to a minimum penalty of a written warning and a maximum penalty of an \$80 fine.

INFORMATION LINE

For additional information regarding this Statute, please call the Pinellas County Sheriff's office at **(727) 582-6200**. Please leave your name, phone number and a brief message. A representative will return your call.

