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Missouri - No MOre Trash! mascot, **Peanut the Turtle**, is a living example of how litter can affect wildlife. When young, the red-eared slider crawled into a plastic six-pack ring that someone had thrown on the ground instead of a trashcan. The ring got hung on her shell. Eventually, her shell grew but the ring stayed on, giving her the shape of a peanut. She was found and taken to the St. Louis Zoo where the ring was cut off. She has lived with the Missouri Department of Conservation since 1993.

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) and Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) encourage Missourians to do some spring cleaning outdoors and help fight litter through the state's No MOre Trash! annual Trash Bash throughout the month of April.

The Trash Bash is sponsored by MDC and MoDOT as part of the ongoing No MOre Trash! statewide anti-litter campaign. Volunteers are needed all around the state to clean up litter from roadsides, parks, neighborhoods, rivers, streams, trails, and other places.

Participants are encouraged to report cleanup efforts and will receive a No MOre Trash! thank-you pin specially designed to commemorate the 30th birthday of campaign mascot Peanut the Turtle. When young, the red-eared slider crawled into a plastic six-pack ring that someone had thrown on the ground instead of a trashcan. The ring got hung on her shell. Eventually, her shell grew but the ring stayed on, giving her the shape of a peanut.

For more info on the April Trash Bash and how to participate, visit nomoretrash.org/trash-bash, or call 1-888-ASK-MODOT (1-888-275-6636).

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