

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

A PreventBalloonLitter.org Fact Sheet



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Inspirational, colorful, litter-free ideas
to celebrate, to remember and to honor
the people who impact our lives.

There are many memorable, long-lasting 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 Celebrate.

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 candlelight vigil **to remember** a loved one is a beautiful healing event.

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. If a sports event, create pompoms in your favorite team colors. Pompoms help create colorful and fun pictures.

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

Expressive ways to come together as a community to say thank you.

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.

Use outdoor events as the opportunity **to honor** essential workers and first responders in your community. Use glowsticks, signs, noise makers.

Contribute singly, as a family or as an organization to the placement of benches, plaques, bricks, or other permanent memorial **to remember** loved-ones.

Plant a native tree **to celebrate** the birth of a child in your yard, a family

member's yard, 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.

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.

Create a colorful wildlife garden with native plants that will attract butterflies and birds. **To remember** a life, support life.

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