

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

A PreventBalloonLitter.org Fact Sheet



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

**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.

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

**Plant a native 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 benches, plaques, bricks,** or another permanent memorial **to remember** loved-ones.

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

**Wave ribbons wands** with your wedding guests in your 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.

**Hold a community or family candle-light vigil to remember** a loved one. It 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.

**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.

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

**Blow and release bubbles to celebrate, to honor or to remember** with people of all ages. As they rise, they lift your prayers, love, and spirits.

**Share yarn or paper pom-poms** with 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.

## Uplifting ideas for memorials for loved ones.

**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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