

Pet Peeves: A Favorite Go-To Topic

In talking with people of all age groups, walks of life and divergent values, I compiled this list in no particular order. Which one(s) are the most popular? You'll find out.

Many comments are left in the exact wording they were given to me including the grammar, and you are able to catch how high this pet peeve is on the annoyance radar by its language.

- Not stopping at stop signs
- Hypocrites
- Dishonest individuals
- Not using signals when turning
- Not saying "thank you" when you hold the door. I always reply, "your welcome," and if I am lucky, I might get a response...maybe

- One that really gets me is when thank you notes are not sent for wedding gifts. I know a gift is a gift, but a thank you or acknowledgement at least it lets you know they received it
- When someone else's poor planning or organization at work gets placed on my agenda as an emergency when it didn't need to happen that way
- No response to a text message asking a specific question
- or just no response even if a question isn't asked!!
- Talking during a movie

- Having side bar conversations during meetings, conferences, workshops, etc.
- Tailgaters
- Not cleaning up after their dogs
- Cell phones on during a movie

- When people pull out in front of me and then drive very slowly
- When people forget their winter driving skills
- The school parking lot
- Guys wearing their caps at the table, especially at a nice restaurant
- Wimpy handshakes
- Talking with your mouth full
- When you are in a conversation and someone interrupts and starts talking to the person you are talking to
- Improper word usage
too/to/two.their/there/they're..your/you're..etc. incorrect pronunciation of words “libarry”, “supposably” and when people speak incorrectly like “I’m gonna unthaw the chicken” or “so didn’t I” or “I seen it” 🙄 🙄 🙄
- People chewing with their mouth full and trying to talk at the same time
- When people half-ass things like throwing clothes next to the clothes hamper instead of in it. Setting dirty dishes beside the sink, or leaving them in the sink with food on them instead of rinsing the food off while it’s “fresh”
- Stopping in the middle of aisles or walkways. If you need to be idle, move to one side to make way for others
- Latecomers
- Meetings that start late drive me crazy
- Things that are uneven like curtains, table cloths, shades, mini blinds. I have to straighten them
- Not putting the shopping carts away. The only ones that get a pass in my book are those with wee ones. Kudos to those that

put them away, but could you please match em up; large with large, small with small? Ironically, in the last windstorm, someone didn't put a cart away and it smashed into my vehicle and shattered the taillight lens

- Oh! When someone is staying at hotel and spills something, gets a stain, etc on a blanket or towel and doesn't say anything. Sometimes it is just impossible to get a stain that has sat for a long time out and then the item just becomes a waste or a rag and we all keep losing through over consumption. (PS - I ran a lodge for three years!)
- Litterbugs and junk dumpers. How lazy does someone have to be that they can't take their McDonald's wrapper home and throw it in the trash? And full baby diapers...
- My bathroom is small so things that are left on the vanity can and have ended up in the toilet.
- People that leave the toilet seat up is my pet peeve. The seat AND lid go down. Equal opportunity
- Drinking straw wrappers or other small paper things like gum wrappers, etc left on the table
- Lack of situational awareness in general, but double down for those who stop in the middle of everything, walk 5 abreast, or back into you
- Children with dirty coats and faces. Also, children with matted and uncombed hair. Toss that coat in with the next load for Pete's sake
- Drives me nuts when people do not teach their little children to listen. Especially in public. They call the kid's name 50 times as the kid just keeps walking away from them. Take their hand and GUIDE THEM! It's like teaching a puppy to sit. If you just yell sit! to a puppy they have no idea what you want them to do until you push their butt down while you say it!
- TELEMARKETERS

The pet peeves that drive this unscientific collection of folks crazy: Poor grammar and careless driving skills: Number one and two. Telemarketers and lousy eating habits in public: Tied for third place.