

Save Our Shores Marine Debris Data Card

Group Name: _____
 City/County: _____
 Beach/Site: _____
 Date: _____
 Area Covered (miles): _____
 # of Volunteers x Hours = Total Volunteer Hours
 Pounds of Recyclables: Pounds of Trash: _____

Cleanup Instructions

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2. Collect everything else, even the small pieces which are easily mistaken for food by animals.
3. Tell your site leader if you find a syringe or any other dangerous materials. They will dispose of these items.
4. Help us prevent marine debris by collecting data!

Data is being collected across California and will be used to tackle the marine debris issue with legislation at the local and statewide level. Keep a count of the debris items that you find using tally marks. When you are finished, enter the item total in the box. Example:
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PLASTIC ITEMS

Bags (grocery, shopping, trash) _____
 Bags (ziplock, snack) _____
 Food Wrappers (ie chips or candy) _____
 Bottles _____
 Cups, Lids, Plates, Utensils _____
 Bottle Caps or Rings _____
 6-Pack Rings _____
 Straws or Stirrers _____
 Fishing Line, Nets, Lures, Floats _____
 Motor Oil Bottles _____
 Ballons or Ribbons _____
 Pieces _____

STYROFOAM ITEMS (foamed plastic)

Food Containers, Cups, Plates _____
 Buoys or Floats _____
 Peanuts or Packing Materials _____
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PAPER ITEMS

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METAL ITEMS

- Bottle Caps or Can Pulls
- Beverage Cans
- Nails
- Batteries
- Fishing Hooks or Lures
- Crab Pots

BEACH USERS

- Fireworks
- Pallets or Wood
- Beach Chairs, Toys, Umbrellas
- Shoes
- Clothes or Towels

MEDICAL AND PERSONAL HYGIENE

- Syringes or Needles
- Diapers
- Condoms
- Tampons or Tampon Applicators
- Band-aids or Bandages

LARGE ITEMS

- Shopping Carts
- Appliances
- Car Parts
- Bikes/Bike Parts
- Tires
- Car Batteries

OTHER

(please write in anything else you have found)

- i.e. Shot Gun Shells
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Please return this data card to your cleanup leader.

Thank you for helping to stop marine debris!



For more information contact our
 Marine Debris Coordinator at:
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 Fax: (831) 462-6070
<http://saveourshores.org>

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