

## California Statewide Litter and Debris Data Card

Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/County: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Beach/Site: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Area Covered (miles): \_\_\_\_\_  
 LBS Trash: \_\_\_\_\_ LBS Recycling: \_\_\_\_\_  
 # of Volunteers    x Hours    =    Total Volunteer Hours

**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!

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 Do not write words such as "Lots" or "Many"  
 Only numbers are useful data.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
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**SMOKING RELATED ITEMS**

- Cigarette Butts \_\_\_\_\_
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- Cigar Tips \_\_\_\_\_
- Disposable Lighters \_\_\_\_\_
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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

**ILLEGAL DUMPING**

Shopping Carts  
 Appliances  
 Car Parts  
 Tires  
 Car Batteries  
 Hazardous Waste - note type and location

**OTHER**

(please write in anything else you have found)

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