

California Statewide Marine 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:

1. Leave dead animals, kelp, drift wood and all other naturally occurring items. They are an important part of the ecosystem you are preserving.
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:

Bags (grocery, shopping, trash) IIII III
 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 _____
- Peanuts or Packing Materials _____
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SMOKING RELATED ITEMS

- Cigarette Butts _____
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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
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 Hazardous Waste - note type and location

OTHER

(please write in anything else you have found)

i.e. Shot Gun Shells

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