



PACIFIC MARINE MAMMAL CENTER: EDUCATIONAL CURRICULUM

Pinniped Pollution Project: Pre-visit Activity

Name _____

Date _____

It has been proven that most of the trash in the ocean starts on land. We will talk about the trash you have seen in your own neighborhood during your visit. It will make your visit more meaningful if you have already identified what kinds of trash you find on the ground in your neighborhood.

Which types of trash do you find most often? Where do you find the different types of trash?

For one week please look for trash on the ground in your neighborhood. You may not be able to pick it all up, but still note what you see. There is a chart below to help you keep track of your findings. Use a tally mark for each piece of trash found.

At the end of the week, look at this chart and decide what are the greatest pollution problems in your neighborhood. Please be ready to share during your visit to PMMC.

Type of Trash	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Total	Location Found





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1. What types of trash did you find most often?
2. Can you identify the originating sources of some of the trash? If yes, what are they?
3. Can you identify any recurring patterns from the trash you found?
4. Compare your results with other classmates. Do you have similar results or were they different and, if so, how?
5. How do you think the trash you found got to the location you observed it in?
6. What do you think you can do to help reduce the amount of trash you found outside?

