



## Checklist of Items Collected

Name:  
Date:  
Cleanup Location:  
Number of Volunteers:

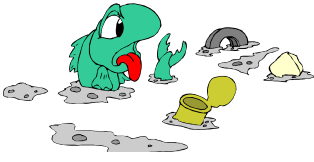
Weight (lbs.)



Totals	Types of Marine Debris
	Plastic Bags:
	Plastic Bottles:
	Plastic Bottle Caps:
	Plastic Lids, Cups, Straws:
	6-Pack Holders:
	Plastic Utensils:
	Plastic Food Wrappers:
	Cigarettes/Cigarette Butts:
	Cigarette Lighters:
	Fishing line/nets/rope/traps/other boating items:
	Syringes:
	Styrofoam:
	Balloons:
	Other Plastics:
	Aluminum Cans:
	Metal:
	Glass Bottles:
	Other Glass:
	Paper:
	Cloth:
	Entangled or Dead Animals—Do NOT remove! (specify):
	Other:
Most Unusual Item/s:	
Additional Comments/Observations:	

This data is important and will be used to influence local businesses and the public on changing their behavior to stop debris from ending up on our beaches and in our oceans. We appreciate you taking the time to **FILL IT OUT COMPLETELY**

- ✓ Count items in groups of five and record the total. For example:  $\text{||||} \text{||} = 7$
- ✓ Do not write the words "Lots" or "Many." Please count each item.
- ✓ Please list animals you find stranded or dead on the beach and any entangling debris items.
- ✓ Please list foreign items found, country of origin, and any debris with identifiable company names.
- ✓ Please leave natural items like driftwood and seaweed on the beach.
- ✓ Work with a few people—have one person record the numbers while others bag the trash.



## Helpful Tips for Data Collectors



### **Safety Tips**

1. Do not go near any large drums or barrels.
2. Do not pick up any sharp objects.
3. Do not pick up any medical waste.
4. Only pick up items with gloved hand.
5. Do not lift anything too heavy.
6. Do not pick up any dead or injured animals.

*(If you encounter one please report to person running the cleanup or lifeguard on duty)*

### **What is Recyclable?**

- clean, dry paper
- glass bottles
- plastic beverage bottles (not the caps)
- aluminum cans

## Marine Debris in the Environment

**Marine debris** is human-created trash and litter that has deliberately or accidentally made its way to coastlines and beaches where it can eventually enter the ocean, bays, lakes or waterways. It is one of the worst pollution problems facing the world's oceans today. The problem with marine debris is that most of it is in the form of plastic, which is highly toxic and does not degrade naturally in the environment.

### **Biodegradable:**

Capable of being decomposed by biological agents, especially bacteria. These items can be absorbed back into the environment.

Wool Sock.....	1-5 years
Plywood.....	1-3 years
Apple Core.....	2 months
Newspaper.....	6 weeks
Orange or Banana Peel.....	2-5 weeks
Paper Towel.....	2-4 weeks

### **Photodegradable:**

Capable of being chemically broken down by light but never completely degrades. Plastic can break down into smaller and smaller pieces but will never really leave the environment.

Glass Bottle.....	Maybe Never
Car Tire.....	Maybe Never
Polystyrene Foam Cup.....	Maybe Never
Plastic Bottle.....	Maybe Never
Plastic Bag.....	10-1000 years
Monofilament Fishing Line.....	600 years
Aluminum Can.....	500 years
Plastic 6-Pack Ring.....	450 years
Nylon Fabric.....	30-40 years
Cardboard Milk Carton.....	5 years
Cigarette Butt.....	1-5 years

