



North American Marine Environment Protection Association

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BEACH CLEAN UP TOOLKIT

Where marine debris come from?

Everywhere! Nearly 80% of marine debris comes from land-based sources. Debris can enter the marine environment by ineffective or improper waste management, intentional or accidental dumping and littering, or storm water runoff.

Where does marine debris go?

Ocean currents and wind carry marine debris to shorelines all over the world. Regions where currents come together, gyres, have large concentrations of marine debris.



**Need help organizing a cleanup?
Contact NAMEPA's Education
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Beach Clean Up Materials!

- Gloves or grabbers
- Garbage bag, bucket, or beach pail
- Partner, friend, parent (you shouldn't clean the beach by yourself!)
- Data collection sheet or app

Beach Clean Up Essentials!

Whenever you are picking up trash at the beach, make sure you:

- **Do not** pick up hazardous materials (broken or sharp objects) without adult supervision.
- Wear gloves and closed-toed shoes.
- Bring a garbage bag or beach bucket to store trash on your walk.
- Dispose of collected trash properly!
- Record your trash and submit your findings to NAMEPA to be included in our trash collection data!
- Make sure you aren't on private land!

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