

Conduct a Beach or Park Cleanup

Coordinate Cleanup:

Make arrangements with County Parks to do a cleanup of a beach or park near your neighborhood center. The County will provide gloves and bags.

Establish Teams:

Have children form teams of four. Each team should assign a recycling bag carrier, a garbage bag carrier, a materials interpreter/gatherer, and a data recorder. The carrier of the recycling bag must assure that only recyclable glass bottles, plastic bottles, and aluminum cans are placed in their bag. The garbage bag carrier will collect all other materials. The interpreter/gatherer will assist in materials collection, but their primary responsibility will be to call out all materials collected to the data recorder. The data recorder will carry a clipboard with the data sheet that is provided in the teacher's section of this book. All materials from the cleanup will be recorded on the data sheet.

Materials Handling:

After the cleanup, deposit all trash bags in the garbage receptacles at the park. Save recyclables to be taken to the Kaua'i Recycles bins (located throughout the island) or the Kaua'i Resource Center. The Kaua'i Resource Center is located at 3460 Ahukini Road near the airport. Call 241-6891 for locations of recycling drop points.

Report Findings to Class:

Following the cleanup, have each team assign a spokesperson to report their findings in the cleanup. The report should include a general summary along with any unusual data, such as the material that was most abundant, or the weirdest thing that was found.



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Beach Cleanup Data Sheet

Instructions: Place hatch marks next to each item found. Add any items not listed on sheet.

Paper Items

Paper bags

Writing paper

Napkins

Tissue

Paper cups & containers

Cardboard

Newspaper

Other (write in additional items)

Cigarette butts

Broken glass

Bottle caps

Organic Material

(Do not collect shells, sticks, plants, or animals)

Clothing

Plastic Items

Plastic bags

Balloons

Candy or snack wrappers

Styrofoam cups & containers

Plastic silverware

Recyclables

#1 Plastic Bottles

#2 Plastic Bottles

Glass Bottles

Aluminum Cans

Other Observations: