

BEACH BUDDIES



A beach littered with trash is a depressing sight. But a beach lined with volunteers armed with trash bags and eager to clean up is a positive, hopeful sight. We can all help when it comes to cleaner beaches.

Beach clean-ups serve many important functions. The deaths of thousands of marine animals — including seabirds, whales, dolphins, sea turtles, and fish — can be prevented by removing plastics from beaches and the ocean. These animals often ingest or become entangled in plastics.

Bahamian Kids Proudly Clean -Up Against Marine Debris!



Each FREE Beach Clean-Up Includes:

- Marine Debris Game
- Gloves, Bags & Data Cards
- Recyclable Water Bottle
- Sea Tag Awards
- DVD, CD & Education Kit

Additional Details:

- Location to be Recommended
- Grades: G1—College
- Minimum Kids: 20
- Cost per Child: FREE
- Program Length: 2 hours
- Booking Times: 9am—3pm

Beaches are places that Bahamians enjoy in the evenings, on weekends and holidays. Broken glass and trash make it dangerous to play at the beach! The privilege to play there means packing up the trash you brought. It's even better if you pick up a couple extra pieces so that others would know you want a clean beach.

Finally, beaches are an important attraction for tourists. The long, beautiful clean beaches people see in the advertisements of the Bahamas should be what they see in reality! Keeping our beaches clean will mean that travelers will continue to make the Bahamas their destination of choice.

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How Long Does It Take?

Most people assume that garbage degrades quickly in the ocean and the problem will just “go away over time.” Not true! Marine debris will persist for many years, even generations.

Solve the mystery by putting the correct break-down time below each piece of trash. Draw an arrow from the item with the shortest time through all the items to the one that will take the longest to break down. It's up to us to prevent trash from making it to the ocean!

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200 years				
400 years				
450 years				
600 years				
Unknown!				

Activity:

Have your students bring in one piece of each kind of trash and make your own marine debris timeline in your classroom or for your school!