



KEEP BEACHES CLEAN. DON'T LITTER.

Long summer days of relaxing and having fun at the beach are here. Everybody loves a sunshine filled day in the sand but remember, no one likes a littered beach. Here are four things you can do to help keep the beach clean.

Don't Litter

Bring everything you take to the beach home with you, including your food waste, recyclables and garbage. Pack extra trash bags, one for each type of waste and throw everything away. This prevents trash from being buried in the sand or washed into the ocean.

Pick Up After Your Pet

Make sure to pick up after your pets, if you bring them to the beach with you, and dispose of their waste properly. Pet waste contains bacteria that pollutes the beautiful ocean and beaches and can get swimmers sick, not to mention how gross it would be for someone to step in it.

Switch to Reusable

Instead of bringing single-use plastic water bottles or plastic bags, pack our snacks and water into reusable containers. Make sure to bring a large bottle of water to refill and stay hydrated. This will help reduce the amount of single-use plastics that can end up blowing away and into the ocean.

Pick it Up

If you are walking along the beach and see litter, safely pick it up and throw it away. Keeping a community clean takes an effort from everyone. Encourage others you know to do the same. Protecting our beaches starts with doing the right thing.

Let's all do our part to keep the beaches and ocean clean this summer! Visit www.cccleanwater.org for more information and tips to help you protect waterways in order to keep water clean in Contra Costa County.