

## Sources of Marine Litter

Marine litter is any man-made material that has ended up in the marine environment after being lost or discarded at sea or on land. Some litter floats in the oceans, some of it washes onto our coastlines, but most of it settles onto the seafloor. Sources of marine litter include unprocessed waste from sewerage treatment plants, items washed down from rivers and fishing equipment abandoned by boats. Examples of marine litter include plastic bottles, drink cans, cigarette butts and microplastics.



Carry out a research project on the **Sources of Marine Litter**.

Some ideas you could investigate:

- The main sources of marine litter.
- The most common items found in the marine environment.
- What you can do to lessen the amount of litter entering the marine environment.

**Resources:**

<http://cleancoasts.org/>

<http://www.unep.org/regionalseas/marinelitter/about/sources/default.asp>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=017bBeXhYz4>

[http://oceanoday.noaa.gov/trashtalk\\_whatismarinedebris/](http://oceanoday.noaa.gov/trashtalk_whatismarinedebris/)

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