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# Everyone is an Environmentalist!

## Neighborhood Trash Clean-up

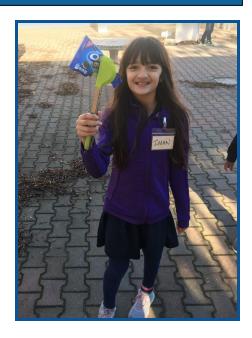
Take environmental action in your community!

## **Activity Summary**

Help pick up trash at a local park or on the sidewalks of your neighborhood.

#### **Directions**

- 1. Choose an appropriate location for your clean-up.
- 2. Walk the area keeping an eye out for trash and storm drains (see picture below).
- 3. Be careful always use tongs or gloves!
- 4. Do not pick up glass or anything too sharp or heavy to put in your reusable bag.
- 5. Record the types of trash you are finding and count pieces of trash by tally marks.
- 6. During and after the clean-up, think about these questions:
  - a. What did you find the most of?
  - b. Where did these items come from? How did they end up on the ground or in the streets?
  - c. What could people have done with these items so they didn't end up as pollution?
  - d. What did the storm drains look like: was the passage clear or was there debris stuck in them? What could happen the next time it rains?
  - e. Where will this trash end up eventually?
  - f. How can we prevent storm drain pollution in the future?
- 7. Further explorations:
  - a. Calculate the gallons of trash removed from your neighborhood.
    - i. Gallons of garbage= # of bags x 5.45 gallons/bag
  - b. Make a bar graph with the tally marks and type of trash found.





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### Location

Choose a local park, green space, creek, or a couple of blocks near your house. Check in with an adult about where to go, or ask them to come with you!

# <u>Supplies</u>

- Reusable grocery bags
- Kitchen tongs, chopsticks, anything to pick up trash with
- Garden or medical gloves if tongs, etc. are not available
- Paper/journal and pencil

# Additional resources and related activities

1. Watch this "Kids Take Action Against Ocean Plastic"

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