

# FLOATABLES



## Be an Everyday Environmental Hero!

Be **AWARE**, take **ACTION**, report **ACTIVITIES** that adversely affect streams, drainage channels and the ocean.

### BE AWARE:

Perhaps the most visible of the water quality issues, floatables are water-borne litter and debris. The main source of floatables is street litter such as plastic bags, six-pack rings, styrofoam containers, and plastic bottles that are dumped in storm drains, streams and the ocean. Floatables clog drainage channels; harm aquatic life like ducks, fish, turtles and birds; and adversely impact marine and beach aesthetics.

### TAKE ACTION:

- Use litter containers in public areas. Carry a litter bag in your car, truck or commercial vehicle.
- Carry out your trash from parks and beaches. Practice the 3 R's; reduce, reuse, recycle.
- Bag your trash before placing it in the bin, especially lightweight items that can easily become windblown during collection, such as plastic bags. Use paper or reusable shopping bags if possible.
- Place garbage and bulky item at the curb for pickup no earlier than the evening before your scheduled collection day.
- Support community cleanups and other efforts to reduce litter.

### REPORT ACTIVITIES:

City's Environmental Concern Line at **768-3300** or visit [www.cleanwaterhonolulu.com](http://www.cleanwaterhonolulu.com)

Reference: Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, City and County of Honolulu Storm Water Quality Branch, [http://envhonolulu.org/solid\\_waste/](http://envhonolulu.org/solid_waste/), <http://epa.gov/nps/toolbox/>

