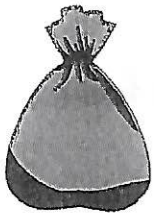




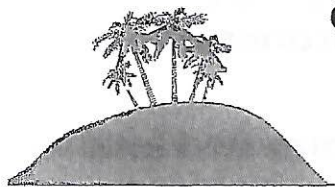
## Why are cleanups important?

Through education, engagement, and empowerment efforts, KPB works to create a culture of environmentally responsible citizens within our Pinellas County, FL communities.



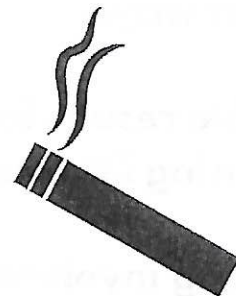
According to the EPA, 80% of marine debris originates on land. Removing litter from our beaches, roadsides, and waterways will prevent the increase of marine debris.

Beach environments provide nursery areas for fish and nesting sites for turtles and marine birds. Beach debris makes it more difficult for turtle hatchlings to make it safely to the ocean.



Our coastal mangroves provide basic food chain resources for marine organisms. Without healthy and clean mangroves, many marine animals would have no food.

Cigarette butts are the most littered item in the world. The filters are made from plastic that breaks into smaller pieces which never totally biodegrade or disappear.



Community cleanups help raise awareness about the impact litter has on our local environments. A cleaner environment benefits our local economy and our local wildlife.

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