

## About Surfriders Foundation

The Surfrider Foundation is a non-profit grassroots organization dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of our world's oceans, waves and beaches. Founded in 1984 by a handful of visionary surfers in Malibu, California, the Surfrider Foundation now maintains over 50,000 members and 90 chapters worldwide.



### How We Helped

Every piece of garbage we saw, we picked up. We reduced the amount of litter on that beach, but our main impact is making sure people are educated about the trash on our beaches. We found out that there is a lot of trash along one mile of beach. We found trash that was buried under rocks and not obviously noticeable. This trash kills and harms the wildlife.

# Pollution is Not the Solution

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## What are the effects of pollution on our beaches?

The pollution found in the Puget Sound kills thousands of whales, birds and other marine wildlife each year.



Type of trash	Plastic	Glass	Paper	Textiles	Other
%	50	10	5	20	15

### Acknowledgments

The Surfrider Foundation

THANK YOU PIE FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATION

## What We Did

Our group did a project from Surfriders Foundation, it is a take off of Rise Above the Plastics Project.

Unlike most of the projects here our project is through a different program that is not Washington based, but nationally based.

For this project we walked along Portage, a well known beach on Vashon, and picked up all the trash that we found. We walked along the beach for a mile and scanned it for trash. We filled up two full trash bags full of trash ranging from cellphones to styrofoam caskets.



### What It Means

The beaches on Vashon Island are polluted with trash. If you do your part, and pick up trash when you see it, that will help lessen the negative impact humans have on Earth, and help take care of our island.