

Japan Tsunami Marine Debris in Hawai'i

There are two lead agencies for reporting Japanese tsunami marine debris here in Hawai'i. the [Department of Land and Natural Resources](#) (DLNR) is the lead State agency and the lead Federal agency is the [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration](#) (NOAA).

How to report marine debris? Call DLNR at (808) 587-0400 and if you have internet access send an email to dlnr.marine.debris@hiawaii.gov and disasterdebris@noaa.gov including:

- Date and time sighted or found,
- Location of sighting, nearest street address,
- Photos of the debris, and
- Finder's contact information.

More specific instructions:

For potential hazardous materials. Oil/chemical drums, gas cans, propane tanks. Call 9-1-1 and report it. Do not touch or attempt to move the item. When safe report the item to DLNR and NOAA.

For abandon vessels or other large items. Do not attempt to move or remove the boat or large items. Report ASAP to DLNR at 587-0400. When able report and send photos to DLNR and NOAA.

For debris with living organisms. If growth other than gooseneck barnacles, report item ASAP to DLNR and NOAA. Do not wash or brush the organisms off. If safe, place item securely in a trash bag. Otherwise, leave it in place.

For personal items: If it has identifying information that can be traced to a person/group report item to DLNR and NOAA.

For litter and marine debris. Plastic bottles, aluminum cans, buoys, foam, light bulbs, plastic crates. If practical, remove and dispose/recycle.

This information provided by DLNR and is current as of November 2012.

For more information go to <http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/marine-debris/> and <http://marinedebris.noaa.gov/tsunamidebris/>