



MISSISSIPPI COASTAL CLEANUP PROGRAM

2025 WINTER NEWSLETTER

Hi there! Welcome to the Mississippi Coastal Cleanup Program Seasonal Newsletter. The Mississippi Coastal Cleanup Program (MSCCP) is an educational program that promotes the conservation of our local marine environment by influencing active stewardship within our community. This program is housed at the Mississippi State University's Coastal Research and Extension Center in Biloxi, MS. Check out what we've been up to!



REQUEST A BIN

Can't make it to one of our scheduled events? The MSCCP can provide groups with guidance and all the supplies they need to perform their very own cleanup. Our only requirement - volunteers must collect data! We do this at each of our cleanup events and we want to know how much and what types of trash you are picking up. Supplies provided include gloves, trash bags, trash grabbers, buckets, a first aid kit, hand sanitizer, hanging scale, and data collection materials. So far in 2025, **92 Request a Bin** volunteers have collected **245.6 lbs.** of litter in Hancock, Harrison, and Jackson Counties.



[REQUEST A BIN INFO](#)

2024 AT A GLANCE!

We know litter and marine debris are a problem, and the MSCCP works to provide stewardship opportunities throughout the year in efforts to remove debris from our local environment and waterways. In coordination with over **42 actionable efforts** involving litter removal and tactical cleanups, **1,816 volunteers filled 748 bags** of trash and debris removing nearly **9,000 pounds** of trash and debris!

2024 TOP ITEMS



17,658
cigarette butts



17,135
plastic pieces



10,697
fire works



6,444
food wrappers



5,802
plastic bottle caps

Check out the 2024 Mississippi Coastal Cleanup Annual Summary for more details on what our programs, such as the Derelict Trap Reward Program, Mississippi Inland Cleanup Program, Barrier Island Cleanup, and SWAPS accomplished!

[2024 ANNUAL SUMMARY](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

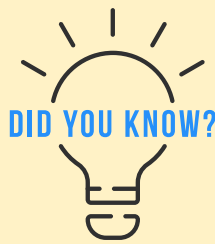
Here are our upcoming events. All events have online registration volunteers must fill out prior to attending.

- **Sand Jam Cleanup**
May 31 | Pascagoula Beach Park
- **Star-Spangled Cleanup**
July 5 | locations coast-wide
- **Annual Cleanup**
October 18 | locations coast-wide

** Please note, weather happens! Therefore, all events are subject to cancellation.

EVENT CALENDAR 

See you at the beach!



Marine debris comes in many forms, ranging from small plastic cigarette butts to 4,000-pound derelict fishing nets. Plastic bags, glass, metal, foamed plastic, tires, derelict fishing gear, and abandoned vessels are all examples of debris that often ends up in our waterways.

MARINE DEBRIS EDUCATION

MSCCP visits classrooms in K-12 schools as well as community organizations to teach students about the hazards associated with marine debris and ways to reduce the amount of waste we produce in our daily lives. Students then filter water samples for microplastics and observe them using a microscope.






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