



MISSISSIPPI COASTAL CLEANUP

Steps to Safely Conduct a Small Cleanup

1. PICK A LOCATION

Identify a location to clean where social distancing is easily achievable.



Think ahead about where you will properly dispose of trash at the location you choose. Monitor your health and the health of your family members before considering a cleanup of any size.



2. GATHER MATERIALS



Your supply bin should contain: trash bags, gloves, data card, clip board with pencil, hand sanitizer, and grabbers.

- ◆ Don't forget:
 - ✓ Sun protection such as sunglasses, a hat, and sunscreen.
 - ✓ Reusable water bottle
- ◆ It's good to have personal protective gear with you as well, such as a mask, just in case you come across a group of fellow volunteers!
- ❖ Before you get started, download the Clean Swell application on your phone and set up your cleanup if you want to record data paperless. *Be sure to "Allow" location services while using the app!*



3. CLEAN UP & RECORD DATA

Safely collect trash using gloves, buckets, and trash grabbers. Never pick up any trash items that you are not comfortable with.



Take pictures to document your efforts!.....

Use the hashtag #MSCoastalCleanup on social media so we can see it!



The trash you pick up can be recorded using two different methods:

1. Data Cards – provided in the supply bin or available for download @ mscoastalcleanup.org
2. Clean Swell phone application – free for download on iPhone or Android!

Recording Data

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◆ Data Card (*preferred*)

» Assign a person in your group the job of being the “Data Recorder” and tally the items your group cleans up as you go.

◆ Clean Swell

» Assign a person in your group the job of being the “Data Recorder” and record as you clean or wait until after you clean and complete the data submission.
» Follow steps on the Clean Swell app to review and submit your data. Data automatically submit to Ocean Conservancy’s database when you see a “Thank You!” screen. You will receive an email from Ocean Conservancy with a summary of your cleanup!



This data is VERY important to our litter prevention efforts. Please record accurate data & make sure it gets to the MS Coastal Cleanup Team. If you have any questions, reach out!

4. PROPERLY DISPOSE OF WASTE



Properly dispose of items collected. Do not place trash bags in overflowing bins.

- ◆ Some areas might not have trash cans or public dumpsters. You might have to take your trash on a quick trip! Please do not leave bags of trash.
- ◆ Find a tire? Please put it next to a dumpster, not in the dumpster.
- ◆ Avoid placing full bags in public trash cans. Trash cans on the beach are used by the public and if they are full or overflowing, items to fly away and end up back in the water or on the ground.

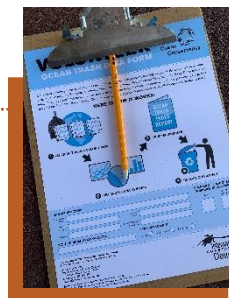
..... *Securely tied bags you fill can be placed next to trash bins on the beach!*

5. RETURN SUPPLIES & SUBMIT DATA

Supply bins can be returned to the same location of pick-up after use.

Don't forget to include this information on your data card!

1. Location you cleaned up at
2. Number of trash bags you filled
3. Estimated weight of trash



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