

ADOPT YOUR BEACH

Harnessing the power of people

Litter and marine debris are not an ocean problem—it is a people problem. That means people are the solution. Every day, all over the world, concerned people take the problem into their own hands by cleaning up their local beaches and waterways. This year we are having a beach cleanup in coordination with Maryland Coastal Bays “Pirate Plunder” marine debris cleanup.

Date and Time

Oct 10th, 10 AM – 4:00 PM Ocean City and any location in Worcester County

About the Cleanup: Due to COVID-19, this cleanup will be virtual. We are asking all interested participants to choose any beach, park, road, etc. within Ocean City or Worcester County and clean up.

This is different than our other regularly scheduled cleanups in that we record the debris we collect online on our website instead of data sheets. At the end of the cleanup, OCSC tallies up all the debris and provide the information to Maryland Coastal Bays and the Town of Ocean City at the end of the year. For the past 6 years, OCSC has contributed to the International Coastal Cleanups grand total of debris collected as well.

What to Bring: We normally host this cleanup in Ocean City and provide supplies to every volunteer. However, due to COVID-19, we are unable to clean with our volunteers. If you do not have trash bags, gloves or masks, we are able to assist. In addition, you will need to enter the data online on our website to record the trash you collect. We have a link on our Facebook page to a fillable form. If you are not comfortable in doing that, we can email a PDF data sheet, or you can pick them up at Maryland Coastal Bays office. Please let us know if you would like to pick up data sheets or supplies.

Please text to (410) 600-5953 to confirm that you are picking up supplies and the Data Cards. Or email ecox3284@gmail.com

We have some recommendations below on what you should bring with you when you clean.

- gloves
- trash bags
- trash pickers

What to Wear: sunscreen, bug spray, clothing that you do not mind getting a little dirty and boots or old sneakers.

When and Where: **Weigh-in SATURDAY** October 10th, 2020 Ocean City Maryland – 10 am until 4:00 pm

Choose ANY location to clean!

Volunteer Hours Letters: if you or your child are in need of volunteer hours for this event, please snap a photo of yourself/group/child with their collected trash, email to ecox3284@gmail.com include first and last name, school and we will email you the letter. **SDHS requires a parent to sign a Covid-19 waiver for all students participating in service learning programs. Please let us know if you need the form.**

Maryland Coastal Bays will be hosting a marine debris cleanup at West Ocean City Harbor for boaters and anyone who wants to do a cleanup by water. You do need to register with them if you are interested in participating by water. You can take your trash there to be weighted and entered to win a prize, pick up a t shirt while supplies last, and meet Capt. Jack Sparrow and our favorite sea creature Gil. **Advance registration is required.**

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