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More than 6,700 volunteers pick up 110,000 lbs of trash from Texas beaches during Spring Adopt-A-Beach Cleanup

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The results for Saturday's 30th annual Spring Adopt-A-Beach Cleanup by the Texas General Land Office are in. Unfortunately wet weather conditions resulted in the cancellation of four sites, but 6,757 volunteers showed up at 27 locations to remove 110,663 pounds of trash from 151 miles of Texas coastline. The rain cleared in time giving volunteers a sunny but cool day to enjoy the beautiful Texas coast!

Since 1986, more than 496,000 Adopt-A-Beach volunteers have cleaned more than 9,200 tons of trash from Texas beaches. Cigarette butts, beer cans and plastic bags are among the most common items found. But with each cleanup, plenty of odd and unusual items inevitably are reported. On Saturday, the list of weird stuff found on Texas beaches included:

- 10 pound iron bar
- 2 – 20' PVC pipes
- 2 washing machines in a can
- 5-gallon cans
- A dead rattlesnake inside an old tire
- Banana magnet
- Car bumper door
- Carpet
- Coconuts
- Dog house
- Doll parts
- Door
- Fake mustache
- Hand cuffs
- Ice chest
- Japanese cigarettes
- Jock strap and cup
- Jumper cables
- Laundry basket
- Outdoor panel of car
- Part of a car bumper
- Pet bed
- Plastic bottle of vanilla extract
- Printer cartridge
- Propane bottles
- Propane burner
- Scuba diver flipper
- Set of old keys
- Shotgun shells
- Sleeper couch
- Stuffed animal
- Tackle box
- Tent
- Tires
- Toilet seat
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Water pipe (bong)
- Wetsuit

- Full packets of condiments
- Hair roller
- Recliner
- Refrigerator
- Women's high heeled shoe

The Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach program is an all-volunteer effort to remove trash from Texas' shores. Coastal cleanups are held three times each year and the program's success is due to the hard work of volunteers, including local coordinators who work many unpaid hours publicizing the cleanups in coastal communities. The next cleanup will be the Coastwide Fall Adopt-A-Beach effort scheduled for Saturday, September 24, 2016. Adopt-A-Beach volunteers record data on the trash they find to learn more about the causes of marine debris and to help mitigate pollution along Texas' 367 miles of coastline.

County	Cleanup Site	Miles Cleaned	Volunteers	Tons Collected (lbs)
Aransas County	Rockport Beach (Bay)	2	0.225	450
	Total	53	0.225	450
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Brazoria County	Surfside Quintana, Bryan Beach	14	9.2	(18,384)
	Total	957	10.44	(20,859)
		2.5	1.24	(2,475)
Calhoun County	Port Lavaca, Magnolia Beach (Bay)	6	1.89	(3,780)
	Boggy Nature Park (Bay)	1	0.23	468
	Total	45	0.28	(555)
Cameron County	Port O' Connor, King Fisher Beach (Bay)	1	0.28	(555)
	Total	233	2.4	(3,867)
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Cameron County	South Padre Island Cameron County Parks	5	5.61	(11,225)

	South Padre Island City				
	Beaches	4	446	1.75	(3,300)
	Boca Chica	6.5	209	1.83	(3,660)
	County				
	Total	15.5	2,001	9.19	(18,185)
Chambers	Chambers County - canceled				
	County				
	Total	0	0	0	0
Galveston	Bolivar Peninsula	27	325	3.52	(7,034)
	Galveston Island	20.1	1,130	7.2	(14,400)
	John M. O'Quinn	1-45			
	Estuarial Corridor (Bay) - canceled	0	0	0	0
	County				
	Total	47.1	1,455	10.72	(21,434)
Jefferson	McFaddin Beach	2.5	192	1.46	(2,916)
	Sea Rim State Park	3	124	1.75	(3,500)
	County				
	Total	5.5	316	3.21	(6,416)
Kleberg and Nueces	Baffin Bay (Bay) - canceled	0	0	0	0
	Padre Island National Seashore	6	109	3.47	(6,950)
	Port Aransas	6.7	245	1.4	(2,800)
	St. Jo Island	2	121	2.02	(4,050)
	Mustang Island State Park	2	45	0.46	(930)
	North Corpus Christi Beach (Bay)	9	353	2.2	(4,410)

	Cole Park (Bay)	3	82	0.79	(1,575)
	Oso Bay Wetlands Preserve (Bay)	1	35	0.34	(689)
	Packery Flats (Bay)	2	12	0.15	(1,000)
	North Padre Island	9	144	1.07	(2,145)
	Aransas Pass (Bay) - canceled	0	0	0	0
	County Total	40.7	1,146	11.9	(24,549)
Matagorda	Sargent Beach	5	196	1.6	(3,200)
	Matagorda Beach	6	251	5.5	(10,944)
	Palacios (Bay)	1	18	0.22	(438)
	County Total	12	465	7.32	(14,582)
Refugio	Austwell Pier (Bay)	1	24	0.11	(216)
	County Total	1	24	0.11	(216)
San Patricio	Portland, Sunset Lake Park (Bay)	3	27	0.49	(975)
	County Total	3	27	0.49	(975)
Total	Spring 2016	151.3	6,757	56.01	(110,633)
	Total Bay Miles	30			
	Total Beach Miles	121.3			

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