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Nearly 5,000 volunteers pick up nearly 80,000 lbs of trash from Texas beaches during Spring Adopt-A-Beach Cleanup

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AUSTIN — The results for Saturday's 32nd annual Spring Adopt-A-Beach Cleanup by the Texas General Land Office are in. It was a little chillier with scattered showers and high tides in a few spots, but 4,905 volunteers showed up at 25 locations to remove 79,355 pounds of trash from the Texas coastline!

"For 32 years Adopt-A-Beach volunteers have come together to pick up trash and keep Texas clean and beautiful," said Land Commissioner George P. Bush. "This spring, volunteers were not only showing their dedication to keeping our Texas beaches clean, but also helping coastal communities recover and prepare for summer tourism season. Thank you, Adopt-A-Beach volunteers, for helping keep Texas' coastline clean!"

Since 1986, more than 523,000 Adopt-A-Beach volunteers have cleaned more than 9,590 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:

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| 55-gallon drum | Easter eggs | Nails |
| Baby bottle | Evidence of illegal dumping - tires, furniture, appliances | Pallets |
| Bag of clothes | Fire extinguisher | Refrigerator |
| Barbecue pit filled with fishing line and shoes | Front door to a house | Salt shaker |
| BBQ Grill | Gas mask | Sharpie permanent marker |
| Birth control pills | Golf bag | Shotgun Shells |
| Bleach bottles | Golf balls | Stroller |
| Blue PVC pipe | Halogen light bulb | Surfboard |
| Car bumper | Hard hat | Tires |

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| Car mirror | Hypodermic needles | Toilet lid |
| Car seat | Insulation | Toothbrushes |
| Car stereo with tape deck | Kids toys | Trolling boat motor |
| Cascarones | Lawn chairs | Windshield wipers |
| Chairs | License plates | |
| Clock | Make-up | |
| Construction materials | Mattress | |
| Crab traps | Message in a bottle from Florida fisherman | |

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 15, 2018. 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.

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| Brazoria | Surfside Beach | 13 | 399 | 3,288 |
| | Quintana, | 2.5 | 95 | 840 |
| | Bryan Beach | | | |
| | County Total | 15.5 | 494 | 4,128 |
| Calhoun | Port Lavaca, | 6 | 133 | 2,788 |
| | Magnolia Beach (Bay) | | | |
| | County Total | 6 | 133 | 2788 |
| Cameron | South Padre Island - County Beaches | 5 | 1,189 | 4,752 |
| | South Padre Island - City Beaches | 3 | 270 | 1,200 |
| | Boca Chica | 4 | 98 | 1,340 |
| | County Total | 12 | 1557 | 7292 |
| Galveston | Bolivar Peninsula | 26 | 150 | 1,300 |
| | Galveston Island | 15.8 | 1,071 | 14,984 |
| | County Total | 42 | 1,221 | 16,284 |
| | McFaddin Beach | 2 | 150 | 7,500 |
| Jefferson | Sea Rim State Park | 2 | 129 | 984 |
| | County Total | 4 | 279 | 8,484 |
| Kleberg and Nueces | Baffin Bay (Bay) | 1 | 25 | 422 |

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| | Padre Island National Seashore | 3 | 69 | 5,450 |
| | Port Aransas | 10 | 136 | 2,085 |
| | St. Jo Island | 1 | 36 | 2,425 |
| | Mustang Island State Park | 3 | 45 | 984 |
| | North Corpus Christi Beach (Bay) | 9 | 195 | 4,875 |
| | Cole Park (Bay) | 3 | 104 | 576 |
| | Packery Flats (Bay) | 1.5 | 14 | 500 |
| | North Padre Island | 9 | 126 | 2,325 |
| | Aransas Pass (Bay) | 1 | 20 | 3,500 |
| | County Total | 41.5 | 770 | 23,142 |
| Matagorda | Sargent Beach | 5 | 192 | 6,518 |
| | Matagorda Beach | 4.5 | 180 | 9,000 |
| | Palacios (Bay) | 1 | 29 | 336 |
| | County Total | 10.5 | 401 | 15,854 |
| Refugio | Austwell Pier (Bay) | 1 | 21 | 204 |
| | County Total | 1 | 21 | 204 |
| San Patricio | Sunset Lake Park, Portland (Bay) | 2 | 48 | 1,275 |
| | County Total | 2 | 48 | 1,275 |
| TOTAL | SPRING 2018 | 134 | 4,924 | 79,451 |
| | Total Bay Miles | 25.50 | | |
| | Total Beach Miles | 108.8 | | |
| | Total Tons of Trash | 39.73 | | |

To learn more about the Adopt-A-Beach program, visit TexasAdoptABeach.org or contact the GLO at 1-877-TX COAST. Like us on Facebook at [Facebook.com/texasadoptabeach](https://www.facebook.com/texasadoptabeach) and follow us on Twitter at [@TXadoptabeach](https://twitter.com/TXadoptabeach).

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