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More than 8,200 volunteers pick up 172,853 lbs of trash from Texas beaches during Fall Adopt-A-Beach Cleanup

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The results for Saturday's 30th annual coast-wide Fall Adopt-A-Beach Cleanup by the Texas General Land Office are in. Despite stormy weather and red tide conditions threatening turnout, more than 9,000 volunteers showed up at 30 locations to remove 172,853 pounds of trash from 169 miles of Texas coastline!

"For 30 years Adopt-A-Beach volunteers have come together along 367 miles of our Lone Star coastline to pick up trash and keep Texas clean and beautiful," said Land Commissioner George P. Bush. "For the 2016 Fall Cleanup, volunteers braved rain and red tide in some areas in order to show their dedication to one of our state's most treasured features – our beloved beaches. Thank you Adopt-A-Beach volunteers for thirty years of keeping Texas' coastline clean!"

Since 1986, more than 504,000 volunteers have removed 9,300 tons of trash or 18,762,600 pounds 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:

- Air mattresses
- Bowling ball
- Brick
- Broken TV
- Bundle of wire
- Car battery
- Car seat
- Car tire
- Carpet
- Child's car seat
- Dog bed
- Drive shaft
- Drug paraphernalia
- Electrocardiogram (EKG) pads
- Fireworks
- Folding chairs
- Four 55 gallon drums
- Glass vial with cattle antibiotic still inside
- Large refrigerator
- Large rope
- Pacifier
- Plastic vampire teeth
- Shoes
- Shotgun shells
- Small bag of Xanax pills
- Tire with rim
- Toilet
- Toothbrush
- Two baby strollers
- Water heater

- Coconut
- Cuban cigar
- Money
- Old PC monitor
- Windshield wiper blades

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 coast-wide cleanup will be the Spring Cleanup set for Saturday, April 22nd. The South Padre Island Winter Texan Cleanup is set for Friday, February 10th, and the Coastal Bend Winter Cleanup is set for Saturday, February 11th. 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)
Brazoria	Surfside	14	1,151	19.53 (39,059)
	Quintana, Bryan Beach	2.5	1,120	0.43 (869)
	County Total	16.5	2,271	19.96 (39,928)
Calhoun	Port Lavaca, Magnolia Beach (Bay)	6	121	1.19 (2,375)
	Boggy Nature Park (Bay)	1	57	0.15 (300)
	Port O' Connor, King Fisher Beach (Bay)	1	41	0.29 (581)
	County Total	8	219	1.63 (3,256)
Cameron	South Padre Island Cameron Co.	5	1,178	4.78 (9,566)
	South Padre Island City Beaches	4	540	0.59 (1,183)
	Boca Chica County Total	6.5 15.5	430 2,148	2.76 8.13 (5,520) (16,269)

Chambers	Chambers	1	75	2.3	(4,600)
	County				
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	Total				
Galveston	Bolivar	27	157	2.99	(5,975)
	Peninsula				
	Galveston	32	2,127	13.84	(27,672)
	Island				
	John M. O'Quinn	5.9	45	2.5	(5,000)
	1-45				
	Estuarial				
	Corridor				
	(Bay)				
	County	64.9	2,329	19.33	(38,647)
	Total				
Harris	Morgan's	1.3	84	1.44	(2,890)
	Point				
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	Total				
Jefferson	McFaddin	2.5	418	7.68	(15,360)
	Beach				
	Sea Rim	2.5	100	1.9	(3,800)
	State Park				
	County	5	518	9.58	(19,160)
	Total				
Kleberg	Baffin Bay	1	55	0.19	(384)
and	(Bay)				
Nueces	Padre	8	260	7.2	(14,400)
	Island				
	National				
	Seashore				
	Port	4.3	151	0.95	(1,900)
	Aransas				
	St. Jo	2	47	0.84	(1,675)
	Island				
	Mustang	5	90	0.85	(1,700)
	Island				
	State Park				
	North	9	295	1.29	(2,580)
	Corpus				
	Christi				
	Beach				
	(Bay)				
	Cole Park	3	65	0.09	(180)
	(Bay)				
	Packery	1	38	0.25	(500)
	Flats (Bay)				
	North	8.79	102	1.81	(3,626)
	Padre				
	Island				

	Aransas	2	44	0.48	(960)
	Pass (Bay)				
	County	44.09	1,147	13.95	(27,905)
	Total				
Matagorda	Sargent	5	135	3.64	(7,275)
	Beach				
	Matagorda	3	240	6	(12,000)
	Beach				
	Palacios	4	39	0.325	(650)
	(Bay)				
	County	12	414	9.965	(19,925)
	Total				
Refugio	Austwell	1	26	0.14	(273)
	Pier (Bay)				
	County	1	26	0.14	(273)
	Total				
Total	Fall 2016	169.29	9231	86.43	(172,853)
	Total Bay	34.9			
	Miles				
	Total	134.39			
	Beach				
	Miles				

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

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