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## 5,000+ volunteers pick up 40+ tons of trash from 55 miles of Texas beaches

Fall Adopt-A-Beach Cleanup held at 13 sites coastwide

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AUSTIN - The results for Saturday's 31st annual Fall Adopt-A-Beach Cleanup by the Texas General Land Office are in. Despite fewer cleanup sites than usual due to damage from Hurricane Harvey, 5,046 volunteers showed up at 13 locations to remove 80,528 pounds of trash from 55 miles of Texas coastline.

"Over the past month we've seen Texans come together in the wake of Hurricane Harvey," said Commissioner George P. Bush. "I was proud to see that continue this past weekend with Texans from all across our great state helping clean the coast. As we continue to recover from Harvey, all of us need to volunteer and pitch in. This Adopt-A-Beach Cleanup was another great step in that direction."

Since 1986, more than 517,000 Adopt-A-Beach volunteers have cleaned more than 9,500 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:

Wool blanket	Buoy	Glow sticks
Golf club head	Toilet brush	Toys
Makeup brush	TV	Nerf football
Tricycle seat	Car bumper	Hard hat
Toilet	Patio furniture	Mattress
Tires	Shotgun shells	Car battery
Boat battery	Electrical wires	Fence post
Rusted boat ladder	Pile of Styrofoam	Truck radiator

Toilet seats

Helmet

Clothes hanger

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 coastwide cleanup will be the Spring Cleanup set for Saturday, April 21, 2018.

The South Padre Island Winter Texan Cleanup is set for Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, and the Coastal Bend Winter Cleanup is set for Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. 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	POUNDS
Brazoria	Surfside Beach (canceled)			
	Quintana, Bryan Beach (canceled due to Harvey)			
	County Total			
Calhoun	Port Lavaca, Magnolia Beach (Bay) - (canceled)			
	Boggy Nature Park (Bay)	1	47	795
	Port O' Connor, King Fisher Beach (Bay)	0.5	35	780
	County Total	1.5	82	1,575
Cameron	South Padre Island - County Beaches	5	1,838	15,325
	South Padre Island - City Beaches	3	83	725
	Boca Chica	7	521	13,160

	County Total	15	2,442	29,210
Chambers	Chambers County (canceled)			
	County Total			
Galveston	Bolivar Peninsula (canceled)			
	Galveston Island	19	1,447	14,172
	John M. O'Quinn 1-45 Estuarial Corridor (Bay) (canceled)			
	Texas City Prairie Preserve - (Bay)	2.25	110	10,700
	County Total	21	1,557	24,872
	Morgan's Point (Bay)	1.5	100	1,824
Harris	County Total	1.5	100	1,824
	McFaddin Beach (canceled)			
Jefferson	Sea Rim State Park	2.5	139	1,872
	County Total	2.5	139	1,872
	Baffin Bay (Bay)	1	42	425
Kleberg and Nueces	Padre Island National Seashore	8	167	9,525
	Port Aransas (canceled)			

	St. Jo Island (canceled)			
	Mustang Island State Park (canceled)			
	North Corpus Christi Beach (Bay)	9.5	308	6,000
	Cole Park (Bay) (canceled)			
	Packery Flats (Bay) (canceled)			
	North Padre Island	8.9	209	5,225
	Aransas Pass (Bay) (canceled)			
	County Total	27.4	726	21,175
Matagorda	Sargent Beach (canceled)			
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	Palacios (Bay) (canceled)			
	County Total			
Refugio	Austwell Pier (Bay) (canceled)			
	County Total			
San Patricio	Sunset Lake Park, Portland			

	(Bay) - (canceled)			
	County Total			
TOTAL	FALL 2017	69	5,046	80,528

To learn more about the Adopt-A-Beach program, visit [www.TexasAdoptABeach.org](http://www.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 [@TXAdoptABeach](https://twitter.com/TXAdoptABeach).

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