

Cleanup At Home

Guidance for Neighborhood Cleanups

Beach cleanups start at our own front doors

Trash can travel through storm drains, creeks, and rivers to become beach pollution. This September, let's help clean the beach by cleaning up in our own neighborhoods and local natural areas.

To protect your health and slow the spread of the coronavirus, please follow the most recent guidance from the Centers for Disease Control, available here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>



BY PARTICIPATING YOU UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THAT NEITHER THE STATE OF TEXAS OR THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE ADOPT-A-BEACH PROGRAM LIABLE OR RESPONSIBLE IN ANY WAY FOR ANY INJURY, DEATH, OR OTHER DAMAGES TO YOU OR YOUR FAMILY, HEIRS, OR ASSIGNS THAT MAY OCCUR AS A RESULT OF YOUR PARTICIPATION, OR AS A RESULT OF PRODUCT LIABILITY OR THE NEGLIGENCE, WHETHER PASSIVE OR ACTIVE, OF ANY PARTY IN CONNECTION WITH THE CLEANUPS.

Be Sure To Prepare

In addition to the CDC guidelines, the Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach program recommends the following practices for cleaning up litter and other debris:

Preparation

*If you are sick in any way,
DO NOT go out for a cleanup.*

Assemble your own Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): face mask, gloves, and make sure to wear close-toed shoes to protect against sharp objects.



Get The App

Download the Clean Swell app (available for free for both Android and IOS platforms) to keep track of what you pick up and how many people participated with you.



Your Safety Comes First

Thank you for taking the time to Give Trash The Boot! Please follow the guidelines below to ensure you and your neighbors are safe during your cleanup.



Maintain A Social Distance

at least 6 feet from everyone you encounter, even if you are wearing a mask.



No Sharp Objects

Do not pick up sharp objects, especially syringes!



Always Wear Gloves

disposable if available - and dispose or wash them immediately after your cleanup.



Careful of Water Conditions

If you clean up a beach or waterway, be mindful of the conditions (ex. high tide), and be careful near the water's edge.



Avoid

- Touching any surface like railings, benches, etc.
- Touching your face.
- Keep a safe distance from all wildlife.



Do Not Pick up Any PPE

Unfortunately, you may find used gloves, masks, and other personal protective equipment (PPE) among litter. **DO NOT PICK UP ANY PPE** without a grabber. Put all PPE litter in a separate disposable bag.

After The Cleanup

Thank you for extending your care and compassion to our communities and helping Give Trash The Boot!

Please follow the guidelines below to ensure you and your neighbors are safe during your cleanup.



Stay Safe

Dispose or wash gloves immediately after your cleanup. To properly remove disposable gloves, grab the glove opening near your wrist and pull towards your fingers, then turn the glove inside out before disposing.

Wash your hands thoroughly as soon as possible, and use hand sanitizer in the meantime if soap and water are unavailable.

Show us Your Cleanup!

Post your pictures using our **#GiveTrashTheBoot** hashtag on Instagram and Facebook and see how your community is participating.

