

A Reconfigured Delaware Coastal Cleanup

The [Delaware Coastal Cleanup](#) campaign, launched by the Delaware Department of Natural Resources encourages Delawareans and visitors to pick up trash in their neighborhoods and nearby parks, on beaches and along waterways to help [Keep DE Litter Free](#).

Throughout September, volunteers are asked to clean up debris, like cigarette butts, food wrappers, abandoned sports equipment, tires and more, that often end up in the ocean and waterways. They can document their findings and share photos in a new online volunteer survey, available now at de.gov/coastalcleanup.

For the month of September one can find ideas about how to get involved in the 2020 Delaware Coastal Cleanup on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Volunteers can post photos on facebook.com/DNREC for a chance to win a 2021 Delaware State Parks pass. Each photo post counts as an entry. Volunteers can post as often as they like throughout the month.

Volunteers can recruit family from their household or friends in their pandemic pod to join in a group cleanup, but large groups are discouraged. We can all help keep our beaches, waterways and wetlands clean and free of trash by cleaning up our own neighborhoods and nearby parks, beaches and other natural areas."

Important reminders:

- Wear gloves when picking up trash.
- Wash hands thoroughly after cleanup activities.
- Stay at least six feet from people from other households.
- Wear face coverings when working in groups that include people outside your household, or when you are unable to social distance.
- Avoid larger numbers of people by choosing early morning or evening, weekdays and cloudy days for cleanups.
- Follow all local rules and regulations.

DNRECT suggests that there are many ways to make a difference all year long:

- Pick up trash near your home — streets, roadways, natural areas and open spaces — to keep your neighborhood clean.
- Follow a carry-in/carry out plan and take all trash away with you after visiting outdoor public spaces, like Delaware State Parks, fishing and boating piers and ramps, wildlife areas, reserves, county or local parks.
- Pack a disposable bag and rubber gloves when you take a walk or hike, go hunting or fishing, etc., to collect and carry out trash you find along the way.
- Recycle what you can through in-home recycling or designated drop-off locations. Learn more at [Delaware Recycles](#).

