

The Adopt a Beach Program



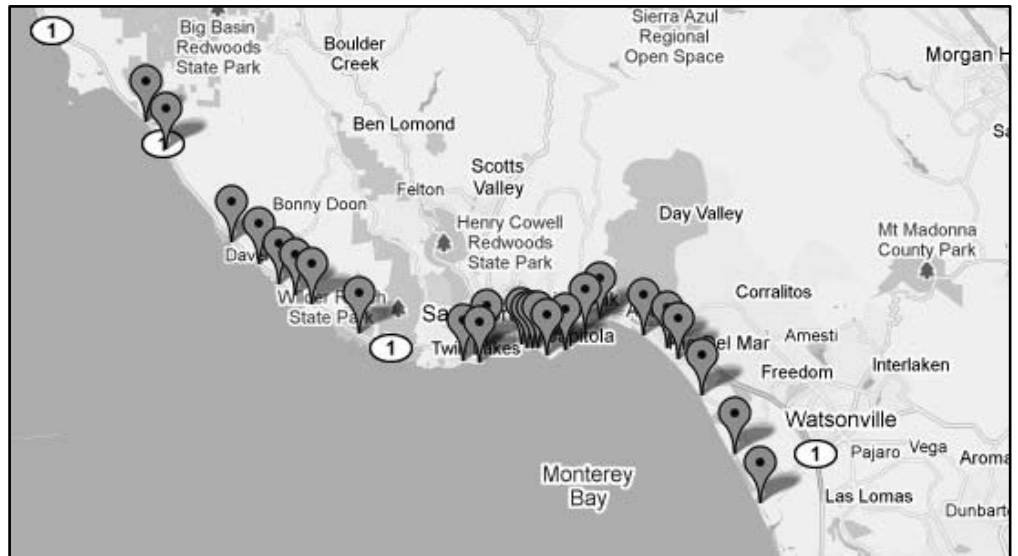
Your organization, business, school, or community group can take action and help keep our beaches clean!

California's Adopt-a-Beach program provides people of all ages with an opportunity to learn more about and actively participate in the conservation of our precious marine resources.

Be a part of the solution to ocean pollution!

Pick a Beach...Any Beach

All beaches in Monterey County are adoptable. Some beach locations are seen here. Participating groups “adopt” a beach by committing to clean it three times a year. Your group can choose any date, any time, any beach to clean. Save Our Shores provides all the supplies and necessary training for the cleanup.



Learn about Plastic Pollution

A free educational presentation by a staff member of Save Our Shores will be provided to each group for their first cleanup. The presentation can take place at your school prior to your cleanup or down on the beach the day of the cleanup. The presentation will cover specifics of the plastic pollution problem, including what it is, why it's so harmful, the scope of the problem, and how we can be a part of the solution.

Collect Valuable Data

Participants collect data by tracking what items they collect off the beach during a cleanup. This data is used for educational, scientific, and legislative purposes to help protect our marine resources. We will provide you with data cards or you can also download them from our website.

Be a part of the Solution. Adopt a beach today!

Want to Adopt a Beach? Follow these 4 easy steps...

1. Fill out the Adopt-A-Beach application and agreement

When you know the dates, times, and the beach you would like to adopt, please fill out the Adopt-A-Beach Application and Agreement, completely. If your group is interested in taking advantage of the educational presentation and the sign posted recognizing your group's participation, then the program requires a service fee of \$400 for each adopter group, which covers a full year. This money funds maintenance for the signs as well as staff member time. For more information or questions on the fee please call or email Andrew (contact information is at the top of the next page). Please allow 1-3 weeks to process your application.

For your first cleanup:

Save Our Shores can provide an informative and interactive presentation for your group prior to your cleanup or meet you at the beach the day of the cleanup. The presentation will cover the issues associated with plastic pollution, including sources and scope of the problem.

For your second and third cleanups:

After your first cleanup, you will be prepared to run the additional cleanups on your own without the help of a Save Our Shores staff member. We will continue to supply you with all the materials you will need. Please call two weeks before each of your scheduled cleanup dates to arrange for your supplies.

*****If you are interested in cleaning the beach, but are unable to commit to cleaning the beach three times a year, a one-time cleanup is possible. To participate in a one-time cleanup, please contact Emily at emily@saveourshores.org to schedule a private cleanup.*****

2. Photocopy the waiver (the last page of this application)

ALL members of your group must sign the waiver before your cleanup.

Waiver and liability information- Necessary for ALL cleanups!

A liability waiver must be signed by every individual in order to participate in a beach cleanup. A liability waiver can be signed at the cleanup the day of the event if the participant is 18 OR OVER. A Save Our Shores staff member will collect the waiver forms the day of the cleanup or you can mail them to 345 Lake Ave. Suite A Santa Cruz, CA 95062

IMPORTANT! Parents must sign a waiver for children UNDER the age of 18

To participate in a beach cleanup, minors must have a liability waiver signed by their legal parent or guardian. Children without properly signed waivers may be prohibited from participating in a cleanup.

3. Fax the application and agreement to: ATTN: Andrew Hoeksema, Save Our Shores Volunteer Coordinator, Fax: (831) 462-6070 Mail checks payable to Save Our Shores to: 345 Lake Ave. Suite A Santa Cruz, CA 95062

IMPORTANT! Confirmation of cleanup details: When we receive your application and your payment, we will call to confirm cleanup details.

4. Fill out the Data Report Form and submit to Save Our Shores

Fill out and submit to Save Our Shores after each cleanup along with the waiver forms and data cards.



Adopt-A-Beach Application



Please Return To:

Save Our Shores, Attn: Adopt-A-Beach
Phone: (831) 462-5660 Fax: (831) 462-6070
Email: andrew@saveourshores.org

ADOPT-A-BEACH GROUP PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT AND INDEMNIFICATION FORM

WHEREAS, _____
(Group/School Name)

and the California Adopt-A-Beach Program recognize the need and the desirability of litter-free beaches; and

WHEREAS, the California Adopt-A-Beach Program recognizes our group as an adopting school or organization for _____, and
(Adopted Beach)

WHEREAS, our group recognizes the potentially hazardous nature of beach cleanup activities, and desires to protect the health and safety of the cleanup participants:

Now, therefore, our group agrees to inform cleanup participants of safe methods to use in carrying our beach cleaning activities; and

FURTHER, _____
(Name of Participating Group/School)

agrees to indemnify and hold harmless, the State of California, the California Coastal Commission, the California State Parks, the California State Parks Foundation, all other organizers or sponsors or property owners involved in the Adopt-A-Beach program, and any of their respective employees, officers, agents, or assigns (hereafter collectively referred to as "Released Parties") from any claim of liability for personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death, arising out of, or connected with the group's participation in Adopt-A-Beach activities, however caused, including but not limited to the negligence of the released parties, whether passive or active.

FURTHER, our group is aware that during scheduled beach cleanups, volunteers from outside our groups may be assigned to our group's section of beach and

FURTHER, our group accepts the responsibility of caring for the beach and promoting awareness in our community of the problems caused by marine debris and the need for protecting coastal and ocean resources for one year, beginning _____20____, with cleanups scheduled on the following dates:

1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____

Signed _____
(Authorized Group Leader/School Official)

GENERAL INFORMATION (Please Print)

Name of Group _____

Please acknowledge our group on the Adopt-A- Beach website at www.coastforyou.org.

Contact Person _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone (work) _____ (home) _____

Email _____ Approximate number of people in the group _____

Adopt-A-Beach Data Report Form



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After the cleanup has been completed, please fill out this summary sheet and return it to Save Our Shores along with your waiver forms and data cards.

This form is available to enter online at

https://spreadsheets.google.com/a/saveourshores.org/gform?key=tz5i_mcWR1Hg3sFMu6-utig&hl=en#

County/Region: _____

Group/School/Business name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

STATISTICS

Please include numbers for the cleanup. If necessary, please estimate the pounds of trash collected. If you do not know the weight of the trash, please use the following guideline to estimate: **full bag =10 lbs., half full bag = 5 lbs.**

Beach adopted: _____ **Total # miles/area cleaned:** _____

Total number of volunteers: _____

Volume Collected: Trash Recyclables

TOTAL WEIGHT _____ _____

Please list any unusual items and/or items of concern (e.g. large amounts of a specific type of debris not normally found, items traceable to a specific business, hazardous items, etc.) that were found:

Any other comments/suggestions for improving your experience? Do you plan to participate in the program again? Why or why not?

Thank you for participating in Adopt-A-Beach!