

# Beach Sweeps Data Card

It is best to work in small teams of 2 to 4 people with one person recording the trash collected and the others picking up items. Please make a tick mark for each item found. Total each item in the box provided at the end of the cleanup. Thank you.

**Examples:** Cups ~~||||~~ ~~||||~~ ~~||||~~ ~~||||~~ ~~|||~~

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 Nets: (small) ~~||||~~ ~~||~~ (large) ~~||~~

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## PLASTIC

### Bags & Wrappers:

Food, Candy Wrappers/Bags	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	
Store/Shopping Bags	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	
Trash Bags	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	
Other Bags	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	

### Bottles:

Beverage/Soda Bottles	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	
Bleach/Cleaner Bottles	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	
Milk/Water/Gallon Jugs	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	
Motor Oil/Lube Bottles	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	
Tan Oil/Lotion Bottles	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	
Other Bottles	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	
Buckets/Crates/Bins	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	
Caps/Lids	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	

### Cap Rings

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### Cigarettes:

Filters	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	
Lighters	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	
Packaging	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	
Cigar Tips	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	

Cups	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	
Diapers	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	

### Fishing:

Bait Bags/Containers	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	
Line	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	
Lures, Floats	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	
Nets: (small) (large)	<table border="1"><tr><td>/</td></tr></table>	/
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Forks, Knives, Spoons	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	

Light Sticks	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	

Plastic Pieces	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	

Ribbon/Tape (no balloon)	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	

Rope (short) (long)	<table border="1"><tr><td>/</td></tr></table>	/
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6-Pack Holders	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	

Sheeting/Tarps	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	

Shotgun Shells	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	

Strapping Bands	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	

Straws/Stirrers	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	

Syringes	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	

Tampon Applicators	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	

Toys	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	

Vegetable Mesh Sacks	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	

Other Plastic (specify)	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	

## FOAM PLASTIC

Building Materials (specify)	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	
Buoys/Floats	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	
Cups	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	
Egg Cartons	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	
Fast Food Containers	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	

Meat Trays	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	

Packaging Materials	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	

Pieces	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	

Plates	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	

Other Foam Plastic (specify)	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	

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## GLASS

### Bottles/Jars:

Beverage Bottles	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	
Food Jars	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	
Other Bottles/Jars	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	

Lights: (bulbs) (fluorescent tubes)	<table border="1"><tr><td>/</td></tr></table>	/
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Pieces	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	

Tile/Ceramic Pieces	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	

Other Glass (specify)	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	

## RUBBER

Balloons--Mylar	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	
With String/Ribbon	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	
Balloons--Rubber	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	
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Condoms	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	

Gloves	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	

Tires: (part) (whole)	<table border="1"><tr><td>/</td></tr></table>	/
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Other Rubber (specify)	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	

## METAL

Appliances (specify)	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	
Batteries: (car) (other)	<table border="1"><tr><td>/</td></tr></table>	/
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Bottle Caps	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	

### Cans:

Aerosol Cans	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	
Beverage Cans	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	
Food Cans	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	
Other Cans	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	
Car Parts	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	

Crab/Fish Traps	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	

55 Gallon Drums: (old) (new)	<table border="1"><tr><td>/</td></tr></table>	/
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Fishing: (hooks) (sinkers)	<table border="1"><tr><td>/</td></tr></table>	/
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Foil	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	

Nails	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	

Pieces	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	

Pull/Pop Tabs	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	

Wire	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	

Other Metal (specify)	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	

## PAPER

Paper Bags	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	
Cardboard	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	
Cartons/Boxes	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	
Cups	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	

Newspapers/Magazines	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	

Pieces	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	

Plates	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	

Other Paper (specify)	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	

## WOOD

Crab/Lobster Traps	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	
Crates/Baskets	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	
Ice Cream Spoons/Sticks	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	

Lumber Pieces	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	

Pallets	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	

Other Wood (specify)	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	

## CLOTH

Blankets/Sheets/Towels	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	
Clothing (specify)	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	
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Shoes/Sandals	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	

String (no balloon)	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	

Other Cloth (specify)	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	

# CLEAN OCEAN ACTION’S BEACH SWEEPS DATA CARD

Thank you for participating in Clean Ocean Action’s Beach Sweeps and completing this data card. The data from this card is collected and analyzed to identify pollution trends in the waters off New Jersey’s coast. The final results from Beach Sweeps in New Jersey are used by Clean Ocean Action to educate citizens and lawmakers about nonpoint source pollution. The data is also forwarded to The Ocean Conservancy, who maintains an international database for tracking trends of marine debris in the world’s oceans. Therefore, it is important to complete both sides of this card and return this card to your area coordinator or mail it to Clean Ocean Action at the address at the bottom of this card.

Type of cleanup: ☐ Back Bay ☐ Shoreline/Beach ☐ Lake or Stream ☐ Underwater/Water

Site: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Site Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Age (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Group you are representing: _____	
School you are representing: _____	Town: _____ Grade Level(s): _____
Number of people working together on this card: <input type="text"/>	Number of trash bags filled: <input type="text"/>
Estimated distance of area cleaned: <input type="text"/>	Total estimated weight: <input type="text"/>

Are you a member of **Clean Ocean Action (COA)**? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
If **NO**, would you like information about COA sent to you? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Would you like to be included on Clean Ocean Action’s email action alert list, *The Wave*, for issue updates, event announcements, and important information about critical ocean issues?  
☐ Yes ☐ No (If **YES**, please provide your email address above.)

**ENTANGLED ANIMALS:** Please note whether dead or alive. Be as specific as you can.

Type of Animal	Form of Entangling Debris	Comments

**LABELS:** Please list items with foreign or domestic labels or other markings to help us identify the item’s origin, such as cruiseline names, military identification, or debris with names and/or addresses of shipping, fishing, or oil/gas exploration companies. Please do not list items that are common to your local area (i.e., imported water or beer).

Label or other markings	Item
Example: <i>ABC Shipping Company</i>	<i>Plastic strapping band</i>

**MOST UNUSUAL ITEMS:**

What is the most peculiar or unusual item(s) you found? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Comments/Observations during the cleanup: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- Attend rain or shine.
- Be careful with sharp objects.
- Bring and wear gloves.
- Stay off dunes.
- Respect wildlife.
- Do not lift anything too heavy.
- Wear sunscreen.
- If you have questions about items you find during the cleanup, ask your Site Coordinator.

Remember:  
***SAFETY  
FIRST***

Please return this data card to your site coordinator or mail it to:

**CLEAN OCEAN ACTION**  
18 Hartshorne Drive, Suite 2  
Highlands, NJ 07732  
Phone: (732) 872-0111  
Fax: (732) 872-8041

*For more information and to check out COA’s Annual Beach Sweep Reports visit [www.CleanOceanAction.org](http://www.CleanOceanAction.org).*