

Help SOLVE clear the entire Oregon Coast of litter

OREGON COAST — Kick off Earth Month with SOLVE's 32nd annual Spring Beach Cleanup from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 1.

SOLVE welcomes volunteers of all ages to join together in clearing the entire Oregon Coast of litter and marine debris. Every spring and fall, volunteers from across Oregon head to the beach as part of SOLVE's twice-annual coastwide cleanups.

This home-grown tradition benefits people and wildlife alike, supporting clean seas and healthy communities.

This year's event marks the 50th Anniversary of the Oregon Beach Bill, which

granted public recreational access to beaches along all 362 miles of coastline. This landmark piece of legislation has contributed to what makes Oregon such a unique place to live and visit.

"Oregon's public beaches are unique to our state, providing the basis for many of the beloved cultural and recreational activities that contribute to our identity as Oregonians," said Tim Morgan, CEO of AAA Oregon. "The coast is shared by all of us, and the Spring Oregon Beach Cleanup provides the opportunity to join together to keep it clean and healthy."

When: The SOLVE Spring Oregon Beach Cleanup will take place 10 a.m.



PHOTO BY SOLVE
A volunteer holds up debris from Asia.

to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 1, 2017.

Who: This is a family-friendly event and all Oregonians are encouraged

to participate!

How: Volunteers check in at a site at 10 a.m. Closest sites are:

- Fort Stevens: Columbia River Beach
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- Sunset Beach Approach Cleanup, Warrenton
- Del Rey Beach Approach, Gearhart
- Gearhart Beach Approach
- Seaside Beach Turn-around
- Cannon Beach City Hall
- Nehalem Bay State Park
- Laneda and Ocean Avenue, Manzanita

Register at one of 45 beach cleanup sites. For more information and to see

a list of cleanup sites, please visit solveoregon.org or call Kaleen Boyle at 503-844-9571 x332.

Why: From the thousand-pound fishing net to the tiniest piece of plastic in the sand, litter and marine debris on Oregon's coast is an issue that affects everyone, threatening the health of our environment and impacting the economy. Every year, fish, shorebirds and other wildlife ingest and become entangled in discarded debris, and it's preventable.

"The chance to walk in a quiet place and make it cleaner, safer, and more pristine is priceless," said John Andersen, SOLVE beach captain in Netarts,

"We have a duty to be stewards for all creatures that exist now or will exist in the future, and these annual cleanups are a big part of the solution.

Come Prepared: Wear sturdy shoes and dress appropriately for the weather. All cleanup supplies will be provided. Volunteers who would like to help make the event more sustainable are encouraged to bring their own reusable bucket and work gloves. The most common items found during this event are broken pieces of plastic and cigarette butts, which are harmful to local wildlife. Bring an old colander to sift the tide lines for these tiny pieces.

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