

**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND
KEEP SPI BEAUTIFUL**

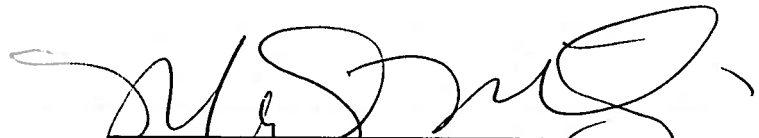
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE KEEP SPI BEAUTIFUL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TEXAS, WILL HOLD A REGULAR MEETING ON:

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2014
4:00 PM AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2nd FLOOR
4601 PADRE BOULEVARD, SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TEXAS**

1. **Call to order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Comments and Announcements:** *This is an opportunity for citizens to speak to KSPIB relating to agenda or non-agenda items. Speakers are required to address Committee at the podium and give their name before addressing their concerns. [Note: State law will not permit the Committee to discuss debate or consider items that are not on the agenda. Citizen comments may be referred to City Staff or may be placed on the agenda of a future KSPIB meeting]*
4. **Approval of minutes from August 14, 2014**
5. **Discussion on the 2015 Governor's Community Achievement Award (Sub-committee)**
6. **Discussion on the beach clean-up held on August 30, 2014 (Susan Geery)**
7. **Discussion and possible action on the Adopt-A-Beach Clean-Up on September 27, 2014 (Elaine Sanchez)**
8. **Discussion and possible action regarding the Recycle Land event held in November (Susan Geery)**
9. **Calendar of Events**


October 10 Next Meeting Date

DATED THIS THE 5TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2014


Marta Martinez, Assistant City Secretary

I, THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORITY, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TEXAS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF SAID NOTICE AND THAT I POSTED A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF SAID NOTICE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD AT CITY HALL/MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON SEPTEMBER 5, 2014 AT/OR BEFORE 10:00 A.M. AND REMAINED SO POSTED CONTINUOUSLY FOR AT LEAST 72 HOURS PRECEDING THE SCHEDULED TIME OF SAID MEETING.




Marta Martinez, Assistant City Secretary

THIS FACILITY IS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE, AND ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES ARE AVAILABLE. REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS OR INTERPRETIVE SERVICES MUST BE MADE 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THIS MEETING. PLEASE CONTACT BUILDING OFFICIAL, JAY MITCHIM; ADA DESIGNATED RESPONSIBLE PARTY AT (956) 781-1025.

NOTE: ONE OR MORE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH PADRE ISLAND CITY COUNCIL MAY ATTEND THIS MEETING; IF SO, THIS STATEMENT SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

**Keep SPI Beautiful Committee (KSPIBC)
Regular Meeting Minutes 08/14/2014**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by KSPIBC Vice-Chairman William George

Members in attendance were: Elaine Sanchez, Susan Geery, William George, and Mary Jane Shands

Members not in attendance: Mary Tannenbaum and Michael Quist and Jeff Wolpers

Staff present: Victor Baldovinos – Environmental Health Director and Judith M. Lehn – Administrative Assistant

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Committee Vice-Chairman William George led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee Member Geery discussed the beach cleanup that was held on Saturday, August 7, 2014. It was organized thru Coors Light and Miller Lite Beer Distributors. The group totaled about 32 individuals and they were all very friendly. Committee Member Geery also stated that Mr. Barry Patel was very accommodating with assisting in the set up for the cleanup. The group would like to participate in other cleanups so they gave their contact information to Committee Member Geery. In addition, Committee member Sanchez requested the assistance from other board members for the upcoming Adopt-A-Beach Cleanup on September 27, 2014, since she will be out of town. Due to excellent turnouts in past cleanups, Committee Member Sanchez is expecting a very good turnout this year as well.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 10, 2014

Committee Member Sanchez accepted minutes as written and Committee Member Shands seconded. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

5. DISCUSSION AND UPDATE ON THE 2015 GOVERNOR'S COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD (GCAA)

Committee Member Sanchez informed everyone that she still needs to post onto the KSPIB Facebook page a "call for volunteers". They will ask for assistance in organizing and writing. Committee Member Geery mentioned that they are hoping to find someone with grant writing experience. Committee Members continued discussion, and shared their suggestions and thoughts for the application process.

6. CALANDER OF EVENTS

August 30 – Keep SPI Beach Cleanup @ Palms Resort

September 11 – Next Meeting Date

September 27 – Adopt-A-Beach Cleanup at City Beach Access #3

7. ADJOURN

Vice-Chairman George motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Committee Member Shands seconded.



2014 GOVERNOR'S COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

WHO KEEPS TEXAS BEAUTIFUL? IF YOU DO, YOUR COMMUNITY COULD BE A WINNER.

The Governor's Community Achievement Awards program is one of the most prestigious annual environmental awards in Texas. This year, 10 winning communities will share \$2 million in landscape awards from the Texas Department of Transportation for their outstanding overall efforts to keep their communities beautiful. Your city, county or region could be next.

THE AWARDS RECOGNIZE ACHIEVEMENT IN SEVEN AREAS:

- Community Leadership and Coordination
- Public Awareness
- Education
- Beautification and Community Improvement
- Litter Prevention and Cleanup
- Solid Waste Management
- Litter Law and Illegal Dumping Enforcement

Communities receiving the highest score in each population category (see table tonight) will be named the winners.

LANDSCAPE AWARDS BY POPULATION SIZE CATEGORIES

CATEGORY:	LANDSCAPE AWARD OF:
1. Up to 3,000	\$90,000
2. 3,001-5,500	\$110,000
3. 5,501-9,000	\$130,000
4. 9,001-15,000	\$160,000
5. 15,001-25,000	\$180,000
6. 25,001-40,000	\$210,000
7. 40,001-65,000	\$250,000
8. 65,001-90,000	\$270,000
9. 90,001-180,000	\$290,000
10. 180,001+	\$310,000
TOTAL	\$2,000,000

For 2014 GCAA applications, use the total community population number from the 2010 US Census available at <http://www.census.gov/2010census/popmap/>.

ELIGIBILITY

All Texas communities are eligible to apply. See complete listing of eligibility requirements on page 5.



Keep Texas Beautiful

Executive Summary

MAXIMUM SCORE: THE MAXIMUM SCORE FOR AN APPLICATION IS 100 POINTS (90 POSSIBLE POINTS FOR THE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND 10 POSSIBLE POINTS FOR THE PROGRAM PORTFOLIO).

Each entry must include two (2) copies of the Executive Summary, a comprehensive written overview of your efforts between January 1–December 31, 2013.

The executive summary is the most important part of the application and is carefully reviewed by the judges. Summaries must be typed and answers organized in the same order as the topics below. Judges will use the seven topics and questions, along with the conclusion, listed in this application to evaluate the executive summary.

APPLICATION DEFINITIONS:

Community – A community is defined as a region or regions with shared or adjoining boundaries whose beautification and litter abatement programs are administered by common groups (i.e., local affiliates, city departments, garden clubs, schools, organizations, etc.).

Programs – A program is defined as any project, activity and/or initiative within a community that addresses goals stated in the seven topic areas of the Governor's Community Achievement Awards.

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AND COORDINATION 12 POINTS

Describe your community and its specific characteristics (i.e., brief history, demographics).

Is your community affiliated with any state or national organization(s) related to litter prevention, beautification, community improvement and/or waste reduction?

How are your programs funded? Include annual operating budget, matching grants, foundation grants, government funding and how funding is obtained.

Describe staff support for your programs. Are they run by volunteers and/or full-time or part-time paid staff?

Describe any training that is provided to the board/committee members of your programs.

PUBLIC AWARENESS 12 POINTS

Describe how your community made the general public aware of your programs through the use of media, speeches, social media, Web sites, events, workshops, bulletin boards, technology and/or printed materials. List measurable results.

How has your community worked to promote the Don't Mess with Texas® campaign?

Describe community awards and recognition programs. Note awards given and awards received.

EDUCATION 12 POINTS

What educational events, projects or programs are available in your community to teach the general public about recycling, waste reduction, litter prevention or beautification issues?

What types of environmental education do your community's schools offer? Describe what kind of programs or special events are offered for youth and your community's involvement. Include any youth, preschool, elementary, secondary, college and university programs in your community. How do your schools use environmental curricula such as Waste in Place, Project Wild and/or other educational activities?

BEAUTIFICATION AND COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT 12 POINTS

Describe beautification efforts such as tree and flower planting, native or adaptive landscaping, and landscape maintenance.

How has your program worked to improve the appearance of your community, instill pride and provide a positive impact on the economic development and prosperity of your community?

How many Adopt-a-Highway miles does your city maintain? Exempting those locations already identified in your city's Municipal Maintenance Agreement with TxDOT, does your city perform mowing or maintenance activities on any additional state rights of way?

LITTER PREVENTION AND CLEANUP 12 POINTS

Does your community conduct any type of study/survey to determine a litter problem?

Describe your community's litter prevention and cleanup campaign.

Uncovered trucks, construction sites, motor vehicles and pedestrians are the primary sources of the litter found on roadways in and out of cities. Describe how your community specifically addresses these issues.

Was your community involved with the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off, Great American Cleanup, Adopt-a-Highway, Texas Waterway Cleanup Program, and/or America or Texas Recycles Day?

What was the impact on the environment and/or the public's attitude toward litter prevention and cleanup? List the number of cleanups and measurable results, including the number of volunteers.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT 12 POINTS

Describe your community's involvement in solid waste management, including work with local waste haulers, businesses, civic groups and citizens.

Describe how your community has supported source reduction, recycling, reuse and composting to divert from landfill space. List measurable results if applicable.

ENTRY FEE

In order to be processed, all applications must be accompanied by a \$15 entry fee in the form of cash, check or credit card. Please make checks payable to Keep Texas Beautiful.

DEADLINE

Must be received by **5 p.m. Tuesday, February 4, 2014.**
(Applications received after 5 p.m. will not be considered or judged.)

Community Entering.....

Category..... Population.....

Name of Organization.....

Primary Contact.....

Title.....

Address.....

City/State/Zip.....

Day Phone.....

E-Mail.....

Credit Card Information (if applicable)
 Card Type Visa MasterCard American Express Card #..... Exp. Date..... Security Code #.....

Billing Address of Credit Card.....

I hereby certify the information reported in this application to be true and all reported events and activities occurred during the January 1, 2013 - December 31, 2013 reporting period.

Signature..... Date.....



For additional information, applications or questions visit www.ktb.org or call 1 (800) CLEAN-TX.

Send applications to:
 Keep Texas Beautiful
 8850 Business Park Dr., Suite 200
 Austin, TX 78759

Please retain a copy of the application for your records.

*For 2014 GCAA applications, use the total community population number from the 2010 US Census available at <http://www.census.gov/2010census/popmap/> KTB will verify data.

GCAA APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (2 COPIES)
- 1 PROGRAM PORTFOLIO
- PHOTO CD
- \$15 APPLICATION FEE (CHECK, CASH OR CREDIT CARD)
- COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM

AWARDS ANNOUNCEMENT AND PRESENTATION

KTB has recognized outstanding communities for 28 years via the GCAA program, with TxDOT providing the landscape awards since 1985. All participants are invited to attend the awards presentation at the Keep Texas Beautiful 47th Annual Conference to be held in Austin June 23-25, 2014. Winners will be posted to the KTB website, www.ktb.org, by 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, 2014.

LITTER LAW AND ILLEGAL DUMPING ENFORCEMENT 12 POINTS

Describe community efforts to educate and work with law enforcement personnel (city, county or state) to review and enforce local and state litter laws including litter abatement and/or illegal dumping.

Describe community efforts to reduce nuisance issues such as graffiti, grass and weed violations, dilapidated structures, junked cars and similar issues.

CONCLUSION 6 POINTS

Explain how your community's overall environmental efforts have made your community a better place to live, work and play.

GUIDELINES:

One point will be deducted for each guideline not in compliance.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY GUIDELINES

- *The reporting period is from January 1 to December 31, 2013.*
- *Maximum six (6) single-sided pages (text on one side), or three (3) double-sided pages (text on both sides). Pages exceeding this limit will be removed prior to judging and result in points deducted.*
- *Include two copies of Executive Summary.*
- *Use 8 1/2" x 11" paper.*
- *Double-space text.*
- *Staple in upper left corner. Do NOT 3-hole punch Executive Summary.*
- *Minimum margin size 3/4" (.75) top, bottom and sides.*
- *Minimum font size 11-point.*
- *Community name and population category number at the top of each page, which may be within the 3/4" margin.*
- *Page number at bottom of each page, which may be within the 3/4" margin.*
- *Executive Summary* should be placed in the front pocket of application binder or securely fastened to the application binder. Do not submit summaries in plastic sleeves. Faxed or emailed copies will not be accepted.*

**All written summaries become property of Keep Texas Beautiful and will be available for use at will by KTB and TxDOT.*

PROGRAM PORTFOLIO 10 POINTS

- All support materials in the program portfolio must take place in the reporting period of 1/1/2013 – 12/31/2013 unless otherwise noted.
- 10-12 photos; photos must be labeled; 15-word limit on photo captions
- In addition to 10-12 photos, applicants must submit support materials from 3 of the following 5 options. Do not submit more materials than required. Each material should be clearly labeled with the option it is submitted for (e.g., "C: Support Material Sample 1"). Materials submitted must be related to activities supporting the GCAA topic areas:
 - 2 samples of public awareness or promotional materials
 - 2 examples of local media support, i.e., news articles and publications
 - 2 examples of educational materials developed for use in adult or youth educational activities
 - 2 city or county ordinances related to litter prevention, litter law, waste management or illegal dumping. Include the complete ordinance, including section, title, details and website link if applicable. (Reporting period does not apply.)
 - 2 examples of awards, citations, recognition, and/or proclamations given to the community or community programs recognizing environmental stewardship during the reporting period

PHOTO CD NOT JUDGED

Submit 20–50 uncropped photos on CD featuring the work referenced in the application. The CD should be labeled with community name and population category. Photos should be labeled with date and identifying information. Photos may be duplicated from the program portfolio. Photos will not be judged or scored and are for TxDOT and KTB use only. **Failure to submit a CD will result in a deduction of one point.**

APPLICATION SUBMITTAL GUIDELINES

- *All materials must be submitted in a standard binder to accommodate 8 1/2" x 11" paper.*
- *Decoration is only allowed on the exterior front and back covers of the binder.*
- *Only the application form, Executive Summary, and photo CD should be placed in binder pockets.*
- *Do not submit more materials than required. Additional materials submitted will be removed prior to judging and result in points deducted.*
- *Photos must be labeled; limit photo captions to 15 words or less.*

DEADLINE

Must be received by **5 p.m. Tuesday, February 4, 2014.**
(Applications received after 5 p.m. will not be considered or judged.)

GCAA scores and judges' comments will be sent to applicants by **Friday, April 25, 2014.** Visit www.ktb.org for more information.

FIRST PLACE WINNERS: LANDSCAPE AWARDS

Ten first place winning communities will receive the revered Governor's Community Achievement Award, entitling each to its population category's share of \$2 million in landscaping funds. Specific locations of landscape projects will be determined in consultation between the Texas Department of Transportation and the winning community. Highway landscape projects will be designed, funded and contracted by the Texas Department of Transportation at approved sites on the existing state highway system. The Texas Department of Transportation must ensure that sites selected and activities performed are appropriate for the expenditure of state highway funds and that designs are compatible with traffic operations. First place winners will also receive a metal plaque, award certificate and media coverage. Second and third place winners will receive an award made from carved Texas stone and an award certificate.

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE AND SUSTAINED EXCELLENCE

Judges will recognize all applicants scoring 90 points or above with the Award of Excellence. This prestigious award distinguishes these communities throughout Texas for their outstanding achievements in protecting and enhancing their local environment, exemplifying their efforts as the standard of environmental excellence for communities nationwide.

The Sustained Excellence Award recognizes the communities that have scored 90 or above in the Governor's Community Achievement Awards competition for three consecutive years. Recipients of this esteemed award are recognized for their ongoing commitment to making Texas the cleanest, most beautiful state in the nation. Sustained Excellence Awards will be determined by the overall scores received on the 2012, 2013 and 2014 applications.

ELIGIBILITY

All Texas communities are eligible to apply. A program may consist of more than one community, but one community may not have more than one Governor's Community Achievement Awards entry. A community is defined as a region or regions with shared or adjoining boundaries whose beautification and litter abatement programs are administered by common groups. First place winners of the Governor's Community Achievement Awards in 2011, 2012 and 2013 are not eligible to win the first place landscape award, or second or third place recognition in 2014, but will be judged for the Award of Excellence and Sustained Excellence.

JUDGING

Each award application will be judged by a panel of civic, business and/or government representatives. All decisions of the Awards Committee Chair(s) will be final. The maximum score for an application is 100 points (90 possible points for the Executive Summary and 10 possible points for the program portfolio). Points will be deducted if guidelines are not met. Applications received after the deadline will not be submitted for judging and will not be eligible for either the Award of Excellence or Sustained Excellence.

WINNING COMMUNITIES

Winning communities will be required to consent that any and all information included in the Executive Summaries and photo CD will be available for use at will by KTB and TxDOT.





Keep Texas Beautiful and the Texas Department of Transportation first began working together in the late 1960s, sharing the common goals of making Texas roadways attractive and safe for motorists and encouraging tourism, goals which have remained for more than 40 years. Since 1985, Keep Texas Beautiful has partnered through an annual contract with the Texas Department of Transportation to support TxDOT's anti-litter and beautification programs such as Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off and the Governor's Community Achievement Awards. KTB has recognized outstanding communities for 28 years via the GCAA program, with TxDOT providing the landscape awards since 1985.



Keep Texas Beautiful's mission is to educate and engage Texans to take responsibility for improving their community environment.

For additional information, applications
or questions visit www.ktb.org or call
(512) 475-8813 / 1(800) CLEAN-TX

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JERRY PATTERSON, COMMISSIONER

<http://www.glo.texas.gov/adopt-a-beach/index.html>
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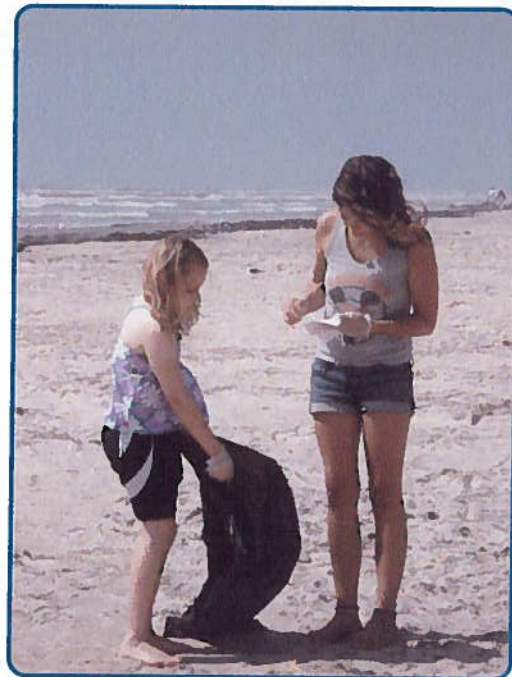
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Sign Up

Join us at one of our next cleanups on:

- September 27th from 9 till Noon
([locations.html](#))

REGISTER ONLINE



» (<https://s3.glo.texas.gov/aab/Registration.cfm>)

If you need to download a printable liability release waiver, please download the [Cleanup Registration Form \(pdf\)](#). ([../pdf/cleanup-registration.pdf](#))

[Fall Cleanup Sponsor Hotels \(.pdf\)](#) ([../pdf/Fall-Hotels.pdf](#))

Dress comfortably – wear closed-toe shoes.

Take these items with you:

- Drinking Water
- Sunscreen
- Hat
- Bug Repellant

When you check in that morning, you will receive:

- cleanup data cards
- pencils
- trash bags
- disposable gloves

Be safe – see our Safety Tips below:

[Safety is Important \(../pdfs/coordinator-resources/Safety Sheet English 7-11.pdf\)](#) - Tips for participating in the Adopt-A-Beach cleanup

[La seguridad es importante \(../pdfs/coordinator-resources/Safety Sheet Spanish 7-11.pdf\)](#) - Sugerencias para participar en la limpieza de Adopte-Una-Playa

For more information, visit our [Frequently Asked Questions \(cleanup-faqs.html\)](#) or [download a printable version \(../pdfs/aab-faqs-cleanups.pdf\)](#).

Most importantly – Come have some fun with us!

If you need additional information, [email \(../contact.html\)](#) or call the Adopt-A-Beach program at 1-877-TXCOAST (1-877-892-6278).

**[Next Coastwide Cleanup:
September 27th, 2014 \(participate.html\)](#)**

[Learn More » \(index.html\)](#)

Contact

**1-877-TX-COAST
1-877-(892-6278)**



[\(../contact.html\)](#) **Email** [\(../contact.html\)](#)

Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach Cleanup

Important Safety Information

- **Wear shoes**

Sandals won't provide protection against broken glass, metal, and rocks.

- **Wear gloves**

Protect yourself from cuts and contaminated objects.

- **Don't handle dead or injured animals**

Report them to your Adopt-A-Beach coordinator.

- **Keep your distance from metal drums**

Report their location to your Adopt-A-Beach coordinator. Some may contain hazardous materials.

- **Avoid heavy lifting**

Report the location of heavy objects to your Adopt-A-Beach coordinator, who can arrange for later pickup.

- **Don't pick up hazardous materials**

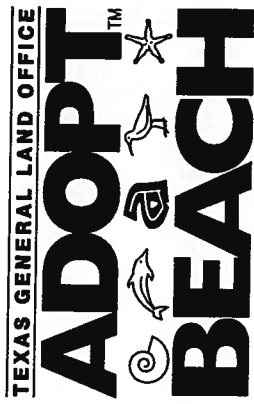
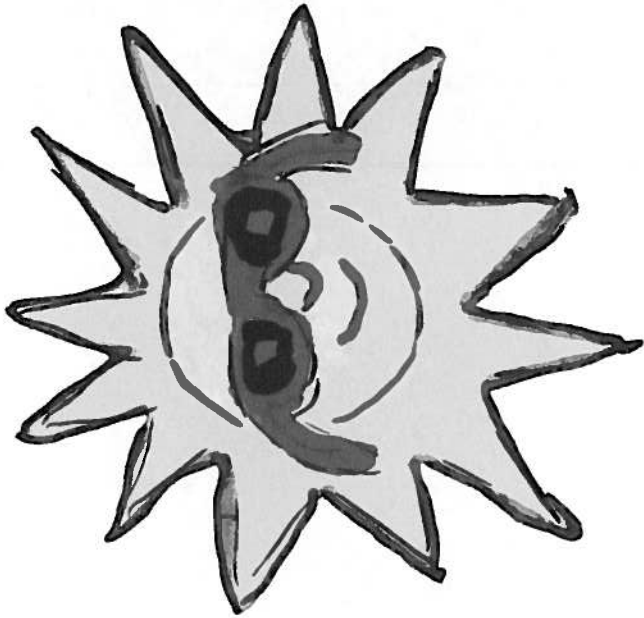
Avoid items such as hypodermic needles, sharp objects, old car batteries, and any other unidentified or questionable objects.

- **Stay cool**

We recommend a hat, long sleeves, and sunscreen.

- **Take special precautions with your children**

Advise them of the safety rules.

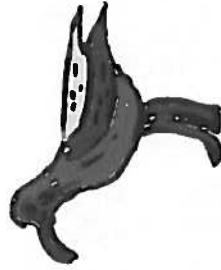


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Jerry Patterson, Commissioner

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www.texasadoptabeach.org

Stay off the dunes
and keep away from
nesting shorebirds.



Thanks for participating.

Texas General Land Office Adopte-Una-Playa

Información importante sobre su seguridad

- **Use zapatos**

Zapatillas y sandalias no protejen contra el vidrio roto, el metal o las piedras.

- **Use guantes**

Protéjase contra las cortaduras y los objetos contaminados.

- **No toque animales muertos o heridos**

Repórtelos a su coordinador de Adopte-Una-Playa.

- **Manténgase a distancia de los cilindros o tambores metálicos**

Algunos pueden contener materiales peligrosos. Reporte su localización a su coordinador de Adopte-Una-Playa.

- **Evite levantar objetos pesados**

Reporte la localización de los objetos pesados a su coordinador de Adopte-Una-Playa para que sean recogidos más tarde.

- **No recoja materiales peligrosos**

Evite artículos tales como agujas y jeringuillas, objetos punzantes o cortantes, baterías de automóvil descartadas y cualquier otro objeto desconocido o sospechoso.

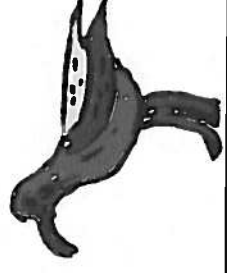
- **Proteja su piel**

Recomendamos el uso de un sombrero, mangas largas, y loción protectora contra el sol.

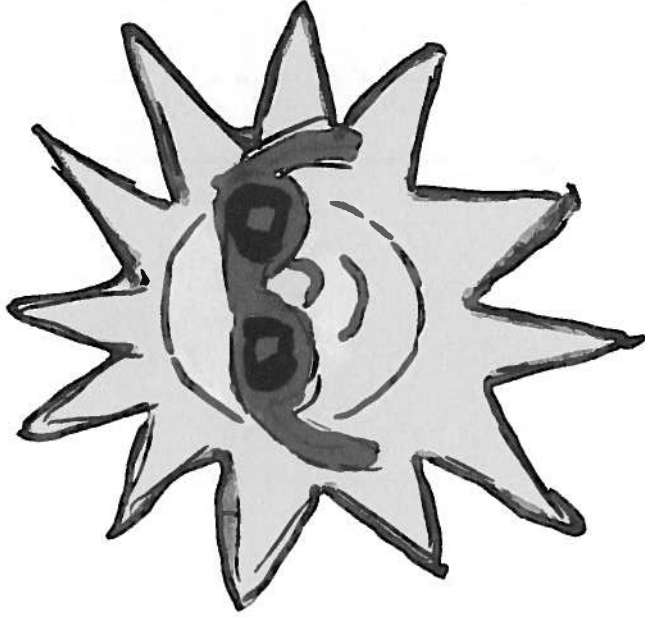
- **Tome precauciones especiales con sus niños**

Adviértales de las reglas de seguridad.


No se suba a las dunas y no se acerque a los pájaros que están anidando.



Gracias por participar.



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www.texasadoptabeach.org

How did you hear about the cleanup?

Signature of Participant (must be signed by parent or guardian if participant is under the age of 18)

Address

E-mail Address

Newspaper Radio
 Poster/Flyer Friend
 Other

Newspaper Radio
 Poster/Flyer Friend
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Newspaper Radio
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Fall 2014 Adopt-A-Beach Cleanup SponsorHotels - be sure and ask for the reduced rate for beach cleanup volunteers!

Corpus Christi

Country Inn & Suites by Carlson
361-985-8395

Fairfield Inn by Marriott
361-985-8393

*Omni Hotels
800-THE OMNI

Residence Inn by Marriott
361-985-1113

Galveston Island

Moody Garden Hotel, Spa & Convention Center
888-388-8484

The Commodore on the Beach
800-231-9921

Matagorda

Stanley-Fisher House Bed & Breakfast
979-863-2920

Port Aransas

Beachcomber Hotel
361-749-7829

Beachcomber Vacation Rentals
361-749-7829

Executive Key Condominiums on the Beach
361-749-6272

Rockport

The Lighthouse Inn at Aransas Bay
866-790-8439

South Padre Island

La Copa Inn
956-761-6000

Surfside Beach

Ocean Village Hotel
979-239-1213

*Rooms at the Omni in Corpus Christi must be reserved by September 5th. Call reservations at 1-800-THE-OMNI, ask to make a reservation to an existing group (TGLO Adopt-A-Beach cleanup rooms).

Frequently Asked Questions

General questions about the program/cleanup:

1. What is the Texas Adopt-A-Beach program?

The Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach program is an-volunteer effort that began in 1986. The Adopt-A-Beach program keeps Texas beaches clean through annual all-volunteer cleanups, educates Texans, young and old, about harmful marine debris and rallies Texas support for state, national and international action to clean coastal waters.

2. What's the International Coastal Cleanup? Is the Texas Adopt-A-Beach program part of that or is it different?

The International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) is an annual event hosted by the Ocean Conservancy on the third Saturday of every September. The Ocean Conservancy works with various organizations and agencies to coordinate volunteers to clean beaches and record their findings in different states. The Texas Adopt-A-Beach program serves as the ICC coordinator for Texas. Our Fall/ICC Cleanup is generally held on the fourth Saturday of September each year unless it conflicts with a holiday.

3. What can I do to help clean the beach?

Help us keep Texas beaches clean by attending one or both of the coastwide cleanups held all along the Texas coast, or by donating online to the Adopt-A-Beach program.

4. When are the beach cleanups?

There are two coastwide cleanups each year, one in the fall, generally held on the fourth Saturday of September and one in the spring, also held on the fourth Saturday in April. If either cleanup conflicts with a holiday, then the event will either move forward or back one week. There are also two smaller regional cleanups in February. On the second Friday of February, the annual Winter Texan Cleanup takes place on South Padre Island, followed by a Coastal Bend Winter Cleanup on Saturday in the Corpus Christi area.

5. Where do I go to clean the beach?

There are multiple site locations all along the Texas Coast. Nearly all coastal counties participate in our cleanups. Look under the "Participate" tab to find the cleanup location nearest you.

6. How do I register for Adopt-A-Beach?

You can **register online** at texasadoptabeach.org or you can contact a local site coordinator and register through them. The "Participate" tab has a listing of all cleanup site locations and their coordinator's contact information.

7. What if it is raining on the day of the cleanup?

The Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach cleanups are held rain or shine. However, if threatening weather endangers the safety of our volunteers, a cleanup may be cancelled. Please pay attention to the local forecast before heading out to the beach.

8. What time does the cleanup start/finish?

All Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach cleanups are held from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon. Please check in that morning between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. and get your cleanup supplies. Most sites offer a complimentary lunch following the event – usually 12 to 1:00 p.m. Check with the local site coordinator to see what activities are planned.

9. Will there be any other activities or food?

Many site locations offer a complimentary lunch following the cleanup. To get details on the site you plan to visit, contact the local site coordinator directly. All contact information can be found on the “Participate” tab on our Web site.

10. Where can I stay when I go to a beach cleanup?

The Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach program has agreements with many coastal hotels to provide discounted rates for Adopt-A-Beach volunteers. To view a list of [sponsor hotels](http://www.texasadoptabeach.org/participate.html) with contact information, please visit www.texasadoptabeach.org/participate.html

11. How can I get my school and/or organization involved?

Schools, businesses and volunteer organizations are the backbone of the Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach cleanup effort. The first step in getting your school or organization involved is to decide which location you plan to attend. Next, you can either **register the group online** (one person can sign up for the group), or - contact the local site coordinator and let them know that you are coming to their event.

12. What is the minimum age requirement to participate in an Adopt-A-Beach Cleanup?

There is no minimum age requirement as long as anyone under the age of 18 is accompanied by a parent, guardian or chaperone. We require all volunteers who participate in an Adopt-A-Beach event to sign a **registration/liability waiver** form, and if they are under 18 they must have a parent, guardian or chaperone sign for them.

13. What should I wear to the cleanup?

On cleanup day, you should wear sturdy shoes – no open toed shoes, sunglasses and a hat. Also, please consider a high-SPF sunscreen for you and any children who might also be volunteering, and bug repellent just in case.

14. Do I need to bring my own supplies?

The local Adopt-A-Beach coordinators will provide you with trash bags and non-latex gloves to clean the beach. You will also receive data cards and pencils to track the type of trash you are removing from the beach.

Please remember to bring plenty of drinking water, especially if children will be joining you at the cleanup. Lunch may or not be provided at your particular location; please check with the local site coordinator.

15. Do I have to pay to get involved?

A donation is not necessary to participate in the program. However, donations are always appreciated. You may **donate online** at texasadoptabeach.org or mail a check to Texas General

Land Office Adopt-A-Beach program, P.O. Box 12873, Austin Texas 78711.

16. If I am assigned a mile of beach to clean and it is located within a park which requires an entrance fee – or in an area that requires a beach permit, must I pay to enter the park or buy a beach permit?

You should not have to pay an entrance fee or buy a beach permit to go and clean the beach. Most local beach authorities waive the entrance fee and beach permit requirements on our official beach cleanup days in April and September. However, if you are approached to pay a fee or purchase a permit – either on beach cleanup day, please show your data card and clean up supplies as proof that you are there to clean the beach.

If you still need assistance after reading this information, please email the Adopt-A-Beach program or call 1-877-TXCOAST (892-6278)

The Keep South Padre Island Beautiful Committee and the Environmental Health Services Department invites everyone to bring their recyclables to:

RECYCLES LANDS

NOVEMBER 16, 2013

9 AM - 12 PM

Water Tower Park

(LAGUNA BLVD. & HUISACHE ST.)

Art Space

Beads - Cigar Boxes - Fabric - Old Keys
Ribbons - Wine Corks - Wooden Frames

Jr.'s Recycling

Aluminum - Appliances (w/freon)
Brass - Car Batteries - Copper
Radiators - Transmissions

City of South Padre Island

Aluminum - Cardboard - Newspaper
Office Paper - Phone Books - Plastic - Tin

Keep South Padre Island Beautiful Plant Swap

Chamber of Commerce

Printer Cartridges

Port of Brownsville

Aluminum - Cardboard - Glass - Paper - Plastic

Friends of Animal Rescue

Dishes - Gently Used Clothing - Glassware
Footwear - Furniture - Linens
Working Appliances

Sea Turtle Inc.

Educational Outreach

Surfrider South Texas Chapter

Educational Outreach

Home Depot

Light Bulbs

FUMC Port Isabel

Non-Perishable Food for Food Pantry



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