

# Coastal Cleanup Day Citizen Science Data Collection

## Why participate in Data Collection?

Citizen science is a very important part of Coastal Programs at the NEC. Our Coastal Program's staff and volunteers track marine and neighborhood debris to find local waste patterns (what kind of trash is being found and where) so we can advocate for waste reduction solutions in our community.

## Data Collection Methods:

### 1. NOAA Marine Debris Tracker App

- a. This app can be used by anyone with a smartphone or GPS capable tablet.
- b. For a tutorial on how to use the app please view this [Infographic](#) or [How To Video](#)
- c. To view your data after it has been submitted visit:  
[marinedebris.engr.uga.edu/newmap](http://marinedebris.engr.uga.edu/newmap)  
Choose "Northcoast Environmental Center" from the list, type in your app login info, click "update map," and your data collection should appear on the map.

### 2. Ocean Conservancy Paper Data Collection Cards

- a. If you do not have access to a smart phone or would prefer to use paper for data collection please download and print the [Paper Data Collection Cards](#)
  - If you do not have access to a printer please email [casey@ournec.org](mailto:casey@ournec.org) and we will mail a data card to you.
- b. Once you have collected your data
  - Take a photo or scan the data card and email it to [casey@ournec.org](mailto:casey@ournec.org)
  - Or drop your data card off at the NEC office through the mail slot

## Data Collection Reporting & Prizes:

1. Once you have completed your cleanup, we would greatly appreciate if you filled out our [Coastal Cleanup Day Results Form](#) at <https://forms.gle/HNZbf4N1AugLmqbW9>:
  - a. All submissions give you a chance to win a prize from our weekly Coastal Cleanup Day Raffle!

## Need Help?

If you need assistance on anything related to Coastal Cleanup Day please contact [casey@ournec.org](mailto:casey@ournec.org).