

# Trash-a-thon Volunteer Responsibilities 2021

## 1. Volunteer Responsibilities:

- Read and follow the information on this page, the “[Data Collection Tutorial](#)” on page 2, and the “[Guidance for Safe Cleanups](#)” on page 3
- Recruit members to join your team (or do a solo cleanup).
- Register your team at [go.rallyup.com/trashathon2021](http://go.rallyup.com/trashathon2021).  
If you need assistance with the website please email [nec@yornec.org](mailto:nec@yornec.org).
- Collect pledges/donations (more details in step 2)
- Pick a day during Earth Week (April 19-25) and do a cleanup!
- Report your trash collection numbers (more details on page 2)
- Adhere to key dates
  - Deadline to sign up: Friday, April 16
  - Trash-a-thon begins: Monday, April 19
  - Trash-a-thon ends: Sunday, April 25
  - Deadline to report trash collection numbers: Friday, April 30

## 2. Fundraising/Pledges

Leading up to the day of the cleanup, volunteers are encouraged to collect pledges (donations) from their network of friends, family members, co-workers, etc. A suggested pledge could range anywhere from \$0.05 - \$5 per piece of trash.

We highly encourage all pledges be made through [go.rallyup.com/trashathon2021](http://go.rallyup.com/trashathon2021). That way you are able to safely socially distance and we are able to keep track of all the donations in one place.

Rallyup accepts credit card, check, cash, and PayPal. If you need assistance on how to make a donation through RallyUp or would prefer to donate directly to the NEC, please contact NEC Staff at [nec@yournec.org](mailto:nec@yournec.org).

## 3. Submit Photos

We would love to see your Trash-a-thon photos! Please email your photos to [nec@yournec.org](mailto:nec@yournec.org), post them to our Facebook event, or post them using hashtags: #NEC, #Trashathon

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# Trash-a-thon Data Collection Tutorial

## Why participate in Data Collection?

Citizen science data collection 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. [Download this free app](#) in the google play or apple store
- b. For a tutorial on how to use the app please view this [Infographic](#) or [watch this video](#)
- c. To view your data after it has been submitted visit: <https://debristracker.org/> and login.

### 2. 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 print these [Data Collection Cards](#)
- b. Once you have collected your data
  - Take a photo or scan the data card and email it to [nec@ournec.org](mailto:nec@ournec.org)
  - Or drop your data card off at the NEC office through the mail slot

## Data Collection Reporting:

1. Once you have completed your cleanup, it is very important that you keep track of and report your trash collection numbers. There are two ways to do this:
  - a. Login to your RallyUp account and go to "my account." Click on the Trashathon 2021 campaign and select "Enter Activity Results."
  - b. Or email your cleanup numbers to [nec@ournec.org](mailto:nec@ournec.org).

## Need Help?

If you need assistance on anything related to Trash-a-thon email [nec@ournec.org](mailto:nec@ournec.org)

# Guidance for Safe Cleanups

Beach cleanups start at our own front doors. Trash can travel through storm drains, creeks, and rivers to become beach pollution. Let's help clean the beach by cleaning up in our own neighborhoods and local natural areas. To protect your health and slow the spread of the coronavirus, please follow the most recent guidance from the Centers for Disease Control, available here:

[www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html).

## Coastal Commission Recommended Practices:

### Preparation

- If you are sick in any way, DO NOT go out for a cleanup.
- Assemble your own Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): face mask, gloves, and make sure to wear close-toed shoes to protect against sharp objects.

### Cleanup

- Maintain a social distance of at least 6 feet from everyone you encounter, even if you are wearing a mask.
- ALWAYS wear gloves – disposable if available - and dispose or wash them immediately after your cleanup.
- Avoid touching any surfaces like railings, benches, etc.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Do not pick up sharp objects, especially syringes!
- If you clean up a local beach or waterway, be mindful of the conditions (such as high tide, sneaker wave warnings, etc.), and be careful near the water's edge.
- Keep a safe distance from all wildlife.
- Do not pick up any personal protective equipment (such as masks) without a grabber.

### After Cleanup

- Dispose or wash gloves immediately after your cleanup. To properly remove disposable gloves, grab the glove opening near your wrist and pull towards your fingers, then turn the glove inside out before disposing.
- [Wash your hands thoroughly as soon as possible](#), and use hand sanitizer in the meantime if soap and water are unavailable.
- Show us your cleanup! Post your pictures using our "Protect Your Happy Place" filter on Instagram and Facebook and see how your community is participating.

By participating you understand and agree the Northcoast Environmental Center may not be held liable or responsible in any way for any injury, death, or other damages to you or your family, heirs, or assigns that may occur as a result of your participation, or as a result of product liability or the negligence, whether passive or active, of any party in connection with the cleanups.

Have fun and remember, safety first! Thank you for extending your care and compassion to our communities at this time! Stay healthy.