



Beach Cleanup Results

ME, NH, MA • 2022

13,044
plastic
wrappers

2,250
plastic
straws

2,747
plastic
beverage
bottles

4,854
plastic
bottle
caps

How many
moose would
equal the weight
of litter collected
in 2022?

Find the answer
inside!

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The 2022 Trash Tally

We have been cleaning beaches with the community since 2001. Data gathered from these cleanups help prevent marine pollution.

Check out what we accomplished together in 2022!

510 cleanups

175,902 items collected

6,779 lbs removed

3,444 volunteers



Cleanup volunteers of all ages tally data as we clean the beach!

Top 10 Litter Items

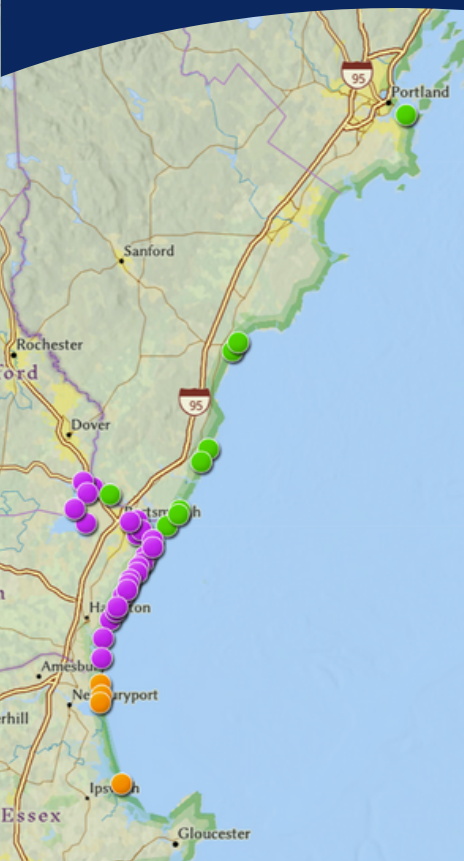
We collected these items from the beach most often. Almost all of these items are made of plastic.

Read more about the litter we found at...
blueoceansociety.org/cleanup-data

	Item Name	Count
1	Cigarette butts/filters	35,140
2	Other	18,040
3	Plastic pieces (5mm-2.5cm)	17,652
4	Plastic wrappers	13,044
5	Rope scraps (< 1 m)	8,285
6	Plastic pieces (5mm or less)	8,188
7	Plastic pieces (2.5cm-10cm)	7,847
8	Other unknown plastic (> 10 cm)	7,610
9	Foam pieces (5mm-2.5cm)	5,714
10	Film (thin/flexible plastic)	5,201

Did you know cigarette filters are made of plastic?

This is our top beach litter item year after year!



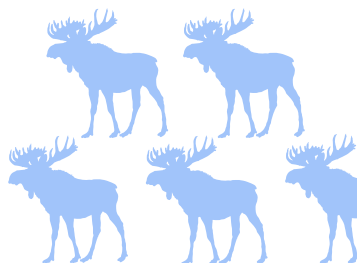
Where did we clean?

Our cleanups spanned 37 coastal sites from Portland, ME to Ipswich, MA.

The most frequently-cleaned beaches were Hampton Main Beach in Hampton, NH and Foss Beach in Rye, NH.

Did we clean your favorite beach? Find out more at blueoceansociety.org/cleanup-data.

The weight of litter collected in 2022 is equivalent to 4.5 full-grown male moose!



We record litter found on the open ocean during whale watches, too!

The top items found on the water were balloons and plastic wrappers.



Hold on to your line!
Fishing line entangles marine life.
Recycle your line in one of our bins at local marinas and tackle shops.



We collected 67,592 of these single-use plastic items from beaches in 2022:

- Wrappers
- Bottles & caps
- Straws
- Zip ties (cable ties)
- Strapping bands
- Grocery bags
- Produce bags
- Trash bags
- Foam cups
- Balloons



What single-use plastic item in your life can you replace with something reusable, non-plastic, or thrifted?

Join us!

Thank you to our dedicated volunteers that adopted a beach and clean it monthly.

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