

BEACH & DIVE CLEAN-UP GUIDELINES

1. Choose your location:

- Make sure it is safe, accessible & that you are allowed to be there.
- Inform the National Parks authority if you are cleaning inside a protected area, you may be required to get a permit.
- Identify an **assembly point** for the group & a **trash pick-up point** for the group to dispose of the bags.
- Make sure you organize a way to remove the collected trash from the site.

2. Clean-ups best practice:

- Create an **itinerary** of the day to present to the volunteers.
- Organize people into teams of 4 people & give them an area to cover.
- One team member is responsible of recording the collected in the “**Ocean Trash Data Collection Form**” from the Ocean Conservancy. The others are responsible of collecting & sorting trash.
- Provide **materials**: Ocean Trash Data Collection Form, pencils to fill out the form, trash collection bags, gloves.
- **Explain** to clean-up volunteers how to fill out the Ocean Trash Data Collection Form.
- Have a group of volunteers responsible for **weighing** the trash (if possible).
- Remember to **CLOSE** the trash bags at the end & leaving them in your designated **trash pick-up point**.
- Make sure no trash from the event is left behind.



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- ***** In Dive clean-ups make sure to look inside the plastic trash (bottles, cups, packaging) to make sure no marine life is living inside (small fish, eggs, shrimps).**
- ***** If marine life is living or growing on the plastic trash, we recommend you leave it underwater.**

3. Document the event

- Take before & after **pictures** of the area.
- Fill out the **“Ocean Trash Data Collection Form”** from the Ocean Conservancy.
- Make sure all trash is being weighed and recorded during the event.
- Share your collected data of the **“Ocean Trash Data Collection Form”** with environment@cdws.travel and cleanup@oceanconservancy.org

4. What do you need to bring?

- Your **ID** or passport.
- A **Hat**, sunglasses.
- **Water** bottle, preferably reusable.
- Your own **CUTLERY TO EAT**: plate, fork, spoon, cup, tapper wear. **No disposable items!!**
- **FIRST AID KITS** and a certified first aid responder.
- If you have your own **GLOVES** or **REUSABLE MESH BAG** for clean-ups, bring them.
- Drinks & Food. Preferably bring **LAGER WATER BOTTLES** (10L gallons/dispensers) and **FOOD PACKAGED IN RESUABLE TAPPERWEAR** not packaged in single-use plastics.

5. The to do's and don'ts in clean-ups:

- **DO** remind everybody to drink lots of water.
- **DO** collect non-biodegradable items: plastics items, Styrofoam items, metal items, glass items.
- **DO** collect even the smallest pieces of plastic or foam trash (broken rope, cigarette filters, broken piece of plastic, Styrofoam balls...)
- **DO** dispose of trash in properly allocated areas.



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- **DO** respect the buddy system when doing underwater dive clean-ups.
- **DON'T** collect biodegradable items: driftwood, shells, corals, seaweed, seeds or other vegetation.
- **DON'T** burn any collected trash.
- **DON'T** step, touch or break any corals or vegetation during your clean-ups.

The Chamber of Diving and Water Sports encourages helping to protect our coastal and marine environment by organizing beach and dive clean-ups. You can also help by filling out the **Ocean Trash Collection Form**. We recommend you apply the best practice guidelines during all clean-ups. The environmental department at the CDWS will help with the organization of larger clean-ups. You can share your pictures & data directly to: environment@cdws.travel, we promote your efforts.

Thank you for your efforts,

The Chamber of Diving and Water Sports



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