



MISSISSIPPI COASTAL CLEANUP PROGRAM

2022 FALL NEWSLETTER

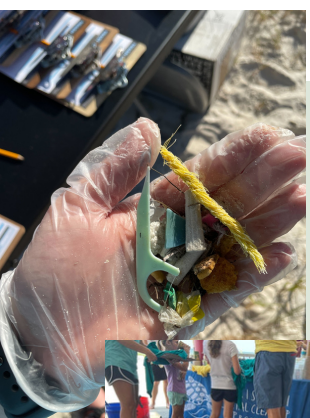
Hi there! Welcome to the Mississippi Coastal Cleanup Program Seasonal Newsletter.

The Mississippi Coastal Cleanup Program is an educational program that promotes the conservation of our local marine environment by influencing active stewardship within our community. This program is housed at the Mississippi State University's Coastal Research and Extension Center in Biloxi, MS.

Check out what we've been up to!

Monthly Cleanups

In September, volunteers came out to the beach area at Long Beach Harbor for the last monthly cleanup of the 2022 cleanup season. They removed **1,722 pieces of trash** from the beach-- totaling **43 lbs.** The top items found included **558 cigarette butts**, **433 small plastic pieces**, and **137 fireworks**. Monthly Cleanups with resume next year in 2023. You can check out the MSCCP [website](#) for the event calendar and follow us on social media for any event updates and details.



Plastic Free Gulf Coast performs brand audits on the plastic trash we collect at each cleanup. A **brand audit** involves recording data on the plastic collected to help identify the companies responsible for plastic pollution.



PLASTIC FREE GULF COAST

Annual MS Coastal Cleanup Event

On Saturday, October 15th, **680 volunteers** took to the beaches for the **2022 Annual Mississippi Coastal Cleanup**. There were 12 different cleanup site locations spanning from Pascagoula to Bay St. Louis where volunteers cleaned almost **3,000 pounds of trash and debris!** Data from this cleanup contributes to the *International Coastal Cleanup* event.



This cleanup takes place annually on the third Saturday in October and concludes the MSCCP scheduled cleanup season.

The **2023 Annual Mississippi Coastal Cleanup** is scheduled for **Saturday, October 21st, 2023.**

ANNUAL MS CLEANUP

TOP TRASH ITEMS INCLUDED:

11,877 cigarette butts



4,292 plastic pieces



2,808 food wrappers

1,581 bottle caps



1,368 plastic bags





That **NEW NEW!**

We present a new program called “Sustainability With Awareness and Prevention Solutions”, aka **S.W.A.P.S.** This project is sponsored by the MSU Extension Service as a no-cost-to-you program that provides **litter and waste prevention solutions** and materials so the community can take an **active** part in preventing waste!

At this time, SWAPS serves the lower six coastal counties: Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Pearl River, Stone, & George.

This program is run by a team of extension professionals from the **MSU Coastal Research and Extension Center**. The S.W.A.P.S. team will teach a different module each month, for four months, with one day spent in the classroom (either on-campus, or virtually for those public individuals wishing to participate) and one Saturday **hands-on workshop** on location with students and their invited family, friends, and neighbors. Each of the four modules also includes an online component containing **pre-recorded presentations, quizzes, and DIY videos**.

Interested in learning more or about how to get the SWAPS program to your school or community? Visit their website!

SWAPS



The folks with SWAPS can teach about the **impact of food waste** on communities, the climate, and possible solutions. They will work with communities and individuals to put this knowledge into action by teaching the fundamentals of **building a compost system** to the scale wanted. Participants will hone the skills needed to create **long-lasting management practices** for successful composting.



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See you in 2023!

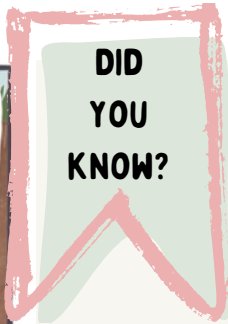
The MSCCP cleanup season for 2022 has concluded and our team is working to get the calendar for 2023 ready! Keep your eyes on our Facebook page and website for the announcement of the MSCCP 2023 Event Calendar.

Our 2022 season was so much fun and our volunteers were **AMAZING!** We look forward to seeing y'all at the beach next year!



EVENT CALENDAR

STYROFOAM



Styrofoam is a dangerous, non-recyclable material that leaches chemicals into the environment harming wildlife, the marine environment, and water sources. The best way to protect yourself and the environment again *styrofoam* is to avoid using it in the first place.

See you at the beach!

Can't make it to one of our scheduled events? The MSCCP can provide groups with guidance and all the supplies they need to **perform their very own cleanup**. Our only requirement - volunteers must collect data! We do this at each of our events so we want to know how much and what types of trash you are picking up. Supplies provided include gloves, trash bags, trash grabbers, buckets, a first aid kit, hand sanitizer, and data collection materials.

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