

New Jersey's "Roster of the Ridiculous"

In 2004, 4,078 unusual items were collected from New Jersey's beaches. While all the debris collected from our beaches should be considered unusual or unnatural, the items below were listed by the dedicated Beach Sweeps volunteers as the most unusual.

High Seas (42)

11 Boat Parts, 9 Boat Bumpers, 3 Anchor Chains/Chains, 2 Boat/Cleaning Brushes, 2 Flares, 2 Life Preservers & Jackets, 2 Windshields, 5-gallon Bucket filled with Concrete & Chain, Anchors, Boat Antenna, Boat Cushion, Boat Door, Rudder, Dock Box, Jet Ski Steering Wheel, Oar/Paddle, and a Boat Spring Rod

Back to School (503)

259 Pens, 186 Rubber Bands, 41 Pencils, 5 Erasers, 3 Glue Sticks, 3 Trays, 2 Tape Dispensers, Binder, Paper Clip, School I.D., and a Wooden Desk

The Undersea World (34)

13 "O" rings, 10 Ear Plugs, 6 Swimsuits, 3 Swim Goggles/Masks, Scuba Fins, and a Wetsuit

What's Up, Doc? (163)

71 "Band Aids," 33 "Q-tips," 21 Medicine Bottles/Containers, 9 Inhalers, 8 Dust/Surgical Masks, 3 Eye Droppers, 3 Pregnancy Tests, 2 "ACE" Bandages, 2 Medical Braces, Bathroom Medicine Cabinet, Contact Lens Case, Dentures/Retainers, Diaphragm, Unopened Condom, Eye Glass Case, Hospital ID Bracelet, IV Bag, Medical Ampule w/ Yellow Liquid, Package of Birth Control Foam, and a Specimen Cup

Weird Science (18)

7 Rubber Stoppers, 4 Glass Test Tubes, Acid Container (part), Inflatable "Earth," Magnet, Meter stick, Pipe Cleaner, Suction Cup, and a Weather Balloon

Up-n-Smoke (23)

16 Match Books, 6 Chewing Tobacco Cans, and a Cigar Tub/Case



Multimedia Event (74)

34 Film Canisters, 11 CDs/DVDs, 4 TVs, 3 Audio Tapes, 3 CD/DVD Cases, 3 Cell Phones, 3 Computer Parts, 3 Rolls of Film, 2 Cell Phone Clips, 2 Video Tapes, Camera, Camera Lens Cap, Floppy Disk - 1991 Systems Corporation, Pay Phone, Printer Ink Cartridge, Telephone, and a Vinyl Record

Road Warrior (70)

15 Car Parts, 6 Car Mats, 5 Car Bumpers, 5 Keys, 5 Key Rings, 4 Car Batteries, 4 Cup Holders, 3 Oil Filters, 2 Headlights, 2 Hub Caps, 2 Spark Plugs, 2 Traffic Cones, 2 Truck Mud Flaps, 2 Windshield Wipers, Car Air Filter, Car Tail Light, Engine Head, Gas Cap, Gasket, Metal Springs, Motor, Muffler, Oil Can, Truck Bed Liner, and a Truck Tailgate

Faking It (27)

15 Plastic Flowers, 7 Plastic Leaves, Plastic Lips, Plastic Palm Tree, Plastic Plant, Plastic Seahorse Head and a Plastic Thumb

Animal Planet (19)

12 Bags of Dog Poop, 2 Dog Bowls, 2 Dog Collars, Dog Chew Toy, Dog Leash, and a "Pooper Scooper" Tong

Tool Time (57)

8 Paint Brushes & Rollers, 5 Clamps, 5 Saw Blades, 3 Flashlights, 3 Garden Hoses, 3 Screwdrivers, 3 Shovels, 3 Tarps, 2 Measuring Tapes, 2 Misc. Tools, 2 Pieces of Sandpaper, 2 Thermoses, 2 Watering Cans, a 5-Gallon Jug, a 5-Gallon Metal Bucket, Construction Lamp Guard, Exacto Knife, Funnel, Garden Hose Roller, Grinding Tool, Pliers, Snow Brush, Tool Belt, Tool Box, Water Nozzle, Wooden Ladder, and a Wrench

Hardware Store (335)

79 Bricks, 73 Shingles, 57 Pieces of Insulation, 25 Tiles/Ceramic Pieces, 19 Screws, 18 PVC Pipes, 16 Metal/Vinyl Siding Pieces, 12 Pieces of Fiberglass, 11 Bolts, 7 Washers, 5 Paint Cans, 4 Nuts, 2 Tyvek House Wraps, 2 Vinyl Floor Tiles, Bracket, Electrical Conduit, Electrical Outlet, Sheet of Paneling, and a Showerhead

Around the House (229)

49 Batteries, 27 Flower Pots, 26 Hangers, 17 Candles, 10 Carpet/Rugs, 9 Cushions, 9 Umbrellas, 7 Table Cloths, 7 Umbrella Tips, 5 Pillows, 4 Couches, 4 Wooden Tables, 3 Bed Frames, 3 Counter Tops, 3 Curtain Rods, 3 Pad Locks, 2 Candle Buckets, 2 Clothespins, 2 Fire Extinguishers, 2 Laundry Baskets, 2 Mailboxes, 2 Mattresses, 2 Shower Curtain Hooks, 2 Toilet Seats, 2 Vacuum Cleaner Parts, 2 Wooden FURNITURES, Air Freshener, Antenna, Bath Mat, Books, Box Bed Springs, Door, Door Knob Stopper, Door Stop, Lamp, Lamp Globe, Metal Tables, Night Light, Phonebook, Picture Frame, Safety Pin, Soap Dish, Toilet, Toilet Part, Toilet Paper Holder, Toothbrush Holder, Umbrella Pole, Window Screen, and a Wooden Chair

Kids' Stuff (100)

27 Pacifiers, 14 Baby Wipes, 14 Kites, 4 Crayons, 4 Wiffle Balls, 3 Bubble Blow Sticks, 3 Kite String Spools, 3 Metal Toy Cars, 2 Baby Bottles, 2 Baby Strollers, 2 Beach Balls, 2 Kiddy Pools, 2 Stuffed Animals, 2 Super Balls, 2 Toy Soldiers, "Barbie" 2-Car Garage, "Barbie" Clothes, "Barbie" Doll, "Barbie" Head, "Barbie" Purse, "Radio Flyer" Wagon, Baby Bottle Nipple, Baby Doll, Ball of String, Indian Figurine, Lego Man, Metal Swing, Pom-Pom, Pool Noodle, Rubber Ducky, Toy Piano, Trophy, and a Water Gun

What's Cooking (53)

16 Metal Forks, Knives, & Spoons, 13 Plastic Bowls/Tupperware, 5 Glass Bowls/Plates/Cups, 3 Tea Bags, 2 Kitchen Knives, 2 Metal Plates, 2 Toasters, Butter Tray, Cake Decorating Tip/Tubes, Coffee Mug, Coffee Pot, Freezer, Garlic Press, Ice Tray, Measuring Cup, Salad Spinner, and a Salt/Pepper Shaker

Last Call (76)

33 Shot Drink Test Tubes, 26 Wooden Corks, 5 Ice Chest/Coolers, 3 Ice Chest/Cooler Tops, 2 Bottles of Vodka (full), 2 Plastic Corks, 2 Drink Cozies, Beer Bong, Bottle Opener, and a Paper Drink Umbrella

Holidays at the Shore (38)

24 Easter Eggs, 2 Artificial Christmas Trees, 2 Christmas Ornaments, 2 Easter Grass, 2 Gift Bows, Easter Basket, Halloween Prop, Halloween Skull, New Years Party Streamers, and a set of Vampire Teeth

Wash-n-Wear (500)

182 Socks, 78 Shirts, 65 Hats & Caps, 43 Cloth Gloves, 27 Underwear, 25 Dryer Sheets, 19 Pants/Shorts, 9 Amusement Park Wrist Bands, 9 Clothing Belts, 7 Buttons, 6 Headbands, 5 Jackets, 5 Shoelaces, 5 Sweaters, 4 Scarves or Bandanas, 2 Back Packs, 2 Coats, 2 Pairs of Pantyhose, 2 Pieces of Velcro, Belt Buckle, Raincoat, and a Dress Shoulder Pad

Beauty and the Beach (406)

92 Combs, 73 Hair Scrunchies, 57 Chap/Lip Sticks, 46 Sun & Eye Glasses, 33 Toothbrushes, 27 Barrettes, 18 Brushes, 15 Hair Curlers, 7 Razors, 6 Toothpaste Tubes, 5 Make-up Kits, 5 Bars of Soap, 4 Nail Files, 4 Wigs, 3 Deodorant Containers, 3 Eyeliners, 3 Nail Polish Brush/Bottles, 3 Plastic Fingernails, 2 Hair Nets

Wild World of Sports (302)

100 Miscellaneous Balls, 42 Tennis Balls, 23 Golf Balls, 12 Pieces of Surf Wax, 10 Bike Reflectors, 7 Baseballs, 6 Bikes, 6 Boogie Boards, 5 Golf Tees, 4 Footballs, 3 Frisbees, 3 Hockey Pucks, 3 Knee Pads, 3 Shower/Swim Caps, 2 Baseball Bats, 2 Horseshoes, 2 Mouth Guards, 2 Skateboards, Badminton Birdie, Bar Bell Weight, Bike Light, Bike Part, Bike Seat, Bungee Cord/Surf Leash, Golf Glove, Hackey Sack, Hockey Stick, Paddle Ball Paddle, Paint Ball, Ping-Pong Ball, Snow Sled, Soccer Ball, Soccer Shin Guard, Softballs, Tennis Racket, Volleyball Net, Whistle, and 47 Beach Chairs



Gone Fishin' (24)

8 Fishing Knives, 5 Rubber Lures, 4 Commercial Fishing Bands, 3 Fishing Rods, 3 Rubber Boots, 2 Metal Fishing Lures, 3 Tackle Boxes, and a Fishing Reel

Signs of the Times (25)

21 Misc. Sign/Sign Posts, 2 "No Parking" Signs, "Caution" Sign, and an Election Sign

Buried Treasure (45)

11 Lottery Cards & Tickets, 8 Rings, 6 Tokens, 5 Necklaces, 5 Watches, 3 Bracelets, 3 Ear-rings, Credit Card, Jewelry Bag, Phone Card, Wallet, and \$0.54 in change

Survivor NJ (22)

9 Propane/Air Tanks, 7 Bar B Q Grills, 2 Tent Stakes, Bag of Marshmallows, Bug Light, Pocket Knife, and a Sleeping Bag

We Did Say "Beach Sweeps" (89)

36 Sponges, 20 Rags/Washcloths, 12 Brooms, 10 Garbage Cans, 5 Rakes, 4 Trash Can Lids, Dust Pan, and a Dusting Mitt

Odds-n-Ends (804)

563 Fire Cracker/Fireworks Parts, 123 Crack Vials & Bags, 42 Rubber Hoses/Tubing, 10 Pieces of Bubble Wrap, 8 Flubber/Rubber Blobs, 8 Oil/Tar Blobs, 8 Plastic Crates/Baskets/Tubs, 6 Beach Badges, 4 Flags, 3 Salt Bags, 2 Fire Hoses, 2 Pieces of Florist Foam, 2 Metal Wheels, 2 US Flags, "Intrepid Museum" Wrist Band, "Nazi" Pin, "Yankee" Ticket (7/5/04), Beach Badge (1989), Beach Badge (1975 Bradley Beach -daily), Box of Rat Poison, Casino Cups, Dreidel, Flag Pole, Gas Mask, Gum Ball Machine, Helium Tank, Metal Bench, Metal Seahorse, Sex Toy, Shopping Carts, Some "Fuzzy" Thing, Tiki Torch, Umbrella Holder, and a Voodoo Doll