

New Jersey's List of Unusual Items

"Roster of the Ridiculous"

In 2005, 1,929 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 (31)

6 Boat Trailer Rollers, 5 Gas Tanks, 4 Boat Paddles, 2 Boat Brushes, 2 Boat Cushions, 2 Channel Markers, Anchor, Anchor Chain, Boat Antennae, Boat Part, Canoe (half), Jet Ski Seat, Life Jacket, Raft, Big Spinnaker, and a Row Boat (half)

The Undersea World (8)

3 Ear Plugs, 2 Swim Goggles/Masks, Scuba/Swim Fins, Snorkel, and a Wetsuit Bootie

Gone Fishing (388)

132 Plastic Beads, 100 Clips, 68 Swivels, 43 Three-ways, 9 Rubber Lures, 8 Fishing "T"s, 6 Fishing Rods, 6 Fishing Spoons, 5 Commercial Fishing Tags, 5 Fishing Knives, 2 Bait Buckets, 2 Mesh Bags of Clams (dead), Knife Sheaf, and a Sterno Can

What's Up, Doc? (56)

23 Q-tip, 16 Band Aids, 9 Medicine Bottles/Containers, 2 Ice Packs, 2 Inhalers, AGFA – Badge, Denture, Diabetes Tester, and an Enema Bottle

Multimedia Event (35)

15 Film Canisters, 7 Cell Phones, 3 CD/DVD Cases, 2 CDs, 2 Radios, Audio Tape, Cassette Player, Cell Phone Clip, TV, VCR Tape, and a Video Camera



Road Warrior (31)

4 Keys & Key Rings, 3 Car Parts, 3 Gaskets, 3 Hoses, 2 Fan Belts, 2 Mufflers, 2 Traffic Cones, 2 Windshield Wipers, Car Axle, Car Bumper, Car Door, Car Mat, Car Mirror, Car Taillight, Headlight, Light Post, Motorcycle Goggles, and a Spark Plug

Wash-n-Wear (245)

98 Socks, 38 Shirts, 31 Underwear, 21 Hats & Caps, 16 Cloth Gloves, 11 Pants & Shorts, 9 Dryer Sheets, 7 Scarfs/Bandanas/Headbands, 4 Jackets, 2 Rain Coats, Bath Robe Tie, Pants Belt, Pantyhose, Poncho, Shoelace, Sweatband, Sweater, and a Zipper

Holidays at the Shore (15)

8 Easter Eggs, 5 Artificial Christmas Trees, Halloween Mask, and a Spider Ring

Tool Time (34)

5 Dust Masks, 5 Paint Brushes & Rollers, 3 Sheets of Sandpaper, 3 Wooden Ladders, 2 Flashlights, 2 Funnels, 2 Garden Hoses, 2 Metal Shovels, Caulking Gun, Electric Cord, Exacto Knife, Hammer, Paint Stirrer, Pliers, Snow Shovel, Tape Measure, Tool Box, and a Wire Brush



Home Improvement (149)

54 Bricks, 44 Shingles, 15 pieces of PVC Pipe, 10 Caulking Tubes, 7 pieces of "Caution" Tape, 7 pieces of Tar, 4 pieces of Tybec House Wrap, 2 Fiberglass pieces, 2 Screws, 2 pieces of Vinyl Siding, Paint Can, and a Roll of Insulation

Around the House (90)

10 Flower Pots, 10 Hangers, 8 Candles, 8 Umbrellas, 7 Pieces of Rubber Hose/Tubing, 6 Carpet/Rugs, 3 Pillows, 3 Toilet Seats, 3 Wooden Chairs, 2 Air Fresheners, 2 Bath Mats, 2 Doors, 2 Pad Locks, 2 Wooden Doors, Banquet Table, Bed Headboard, Clothes Hamper, Clothespin, Counter Top, Desk Chair, Door Stop, Dust Pan, Garbage Can, Hat Rack, Home Oil Tank, Laundry Basket, Mailbox, Mattress, Mop, Phone Book, Plastic "6" House Number, Shower Curtain, Suitcase Part, Trash Can Lid, Vacuum Cleaner Part, and a Window Frame

Kids' Stuff (59)

16 Pacifiers, 8 Baby Wipes, 4 Baby Bottles, 4 Baby Bottle Nipples, 4 Toy Soldiers, 3 Kites, 3 Stroller Wheels, 2 Crayons, 2 Kiddy Pools, 2 Rubber Alligators, 2 Stuffed Animals, Arcade Token, Barbie Doll Head, Lego, Plastic Dinosaur in a Bottle, Plastic Monkey, Plastic Shark Fin, Pool Noodle, Remote Control Car, and a Scuba Diver Action Figure

What's Cooking? (28)

7 Rag/Washcloths, 6 Pieces of Silverware, 6 Sponges, 3 Pieces of Tupperware, Brillo Pad, Chinese Jelly Container, Glass Plate, Ice Tray, Kitchen Pot, and a Tea Bag

Last Call (56)

25 Full Cans of Beer, 7 Matches, 7 Wooden Corks, 3 Drink Shot Tubes, 3 Ice Chests, 2 Chewing Tobacco Cans, 2 Ice Chest Tops, 2 Night Club Wristbands, Bar Stool, Butane Can, and 3 Full Packs of Cigars

Wild World of Sports (166)

52 Misc. Balls, 27 Tennis Balls, 18 Beach Chairs, 9 Golf Balls, 6 Pieces of Surf Wax, 5 Baseballs, 4 Bike Parts, 4 Frisbees, 3 Bikes, 3 Surfboard Lanyards, 3 Tent Stakes, 2 Baseball Bats, 2 Bike Reflectors, 2 Bike Seats, 2 Boogie Boards, 2 Footballs, 2 Hockey Pucks, 2 Hockey Sticks, 2 Mouth Guards, 2 Soccer Balls, 2 Whistles, Baseball Helmet, Bowling Ball, Golf Tee, Horseshoe, Knee Pad, Metal Basket for Tennis Balls, Ping Pong Ball, Skateboard, Ski Pole, Softball, Surfboard (part), and a Wiffle Ball

Beauty and the Beach (135)

30 Chap/Lip Sticks, 20 Combs, 21 Hair Ties, 17 Sun & Eye Glasses, 13 Toothbrushes, 7 Hair Brushes, 6 Barrettes, 6 Hair Curlers, 5 Razors, 5 Tubes of Toothpaste, 2 Wigs, Eyeliner/Mascara, Make-up Kit, and a Perfume Bottle

Signs of the Times (15)

9 Misc. Signs/Sign Posts, 2 Banners, "No Parking" Sign, "Stop" Street Sign, Realtor Sign, and a "Claredon Ave." Street Sign

Back to School (179)

124 Pens, 30 Rubber Bands, 18 Pencils, 3 Erasers, Ink Cartridge, Paper Clip, Tack, and a Half-full Bottle of Glue



Buried Treasure (14)

3 Necklaces, 2 Earrings, 2 Watches, Credit Card, Lottery Ticket, Purse, and \$1.60

Survivor NJ (16)

8 Propane/Air Tanks, 3 Barbecue Grills, Compass, Duffle Bag, Duraflame Log, Fly Swatter, and an Umbrella Holder

Vice (67)

56 Crack Vials & Bags, 6 pieces of "Do Not Cross" Tape, Crack Pipe, Forceps, Parking Meter Part, Parking Ticket, and a Switch Blade

Odds-n-Ends (112)

33 Fire Cracker/Works Parts, 15 Sewage/Sludge Cakes, 11 Shopping Carts, 8 Umbrella Tips, 7 pieces of Bubble Wraps, 6 Plastic Flowers, 4 Beach Tags, 3 Business Cards, 3 Flags, 2 Bags of Dog Poop, 2 Burlap Sacks, 2 Name Tags, Cane, Concrete Park Bench, Dog Leash, Drumstick, Eye Patch, Fire Proof Vault, Flubber/Rubber "Blob," Glass Test Tube, Large Metal Wench & Pulley, Metal Box, Metal Bracket, 80-foot Oil Boom, Playing Card, Pregnancy Test, Storage Box, and a U.S. Flag