

New Jersey's List of Unusual Items

"Roster of the Ridiculous"

In 2003, nearly 3,900 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 (56)

24 Rubber Hoses & Tubing, 11 Boat Parts, 5 Boat Batteries, 3 Boat Bumpers, 2 Boat Doors, 2 Boat Trailer Parts, 30" Mooring Buoy, Anchor, Boat Antennae, Boat Brush, Boat Cushion, Life Jacket, Metal Marker Buoy, Mooring Rope, and a Windshield.

Gone Fishing (44)

15 Rubber Lures, 14 Fishing Rods, 5 Fishing Knives, 3 Fishing Reels, 2 Knife Sheaths, 2 Waders, Fishing Hook Extractor, Fishing Leaders, and a Metal Fishing Lure.

The Undersea World (25)

9 Ear Plugs, 4 Swimsuits, 2 Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) Cartridges, 2 Scuba Fins, 2 Snorkels, 2 Swim Goggles & Masks, 2 Wetsuit Booties, an "O" ring, and a Wetsuit.



Glass medical ampule found at Island Beach State Park, NJ

What's Up, Doc? (106)

59 Band Aids, 13 Medicine Bottles & Containers, 12 Q-tips, 7 Inhalers, 2 Bottles of Urine, 2 Contact Lens Cases, 2 Eyeglass Cases, AGFA - Badge, Hearing Aid, Hospital Waste Bag, Ice Pack, Insulin Bottle, Intra Venous (IV) Bag, Medical Ampule, Medical Tubing, Medicine Cup, and a Tube of "Preparation H".

Weird Science (10)

2 Magnets, 2 Rubber Stoppers, Bag of Clams Marked for Research, Compass, Laser Pointer, Magnifying Glass, and a Meter Stick.

NJ Vice (149)

141 Crack Vials & Bags, 4 Bong, 2 Crack Pipes, Bag of Marijuana, and a set of Handcuffs.

Up-n-Smoke (65)

46 Matches, 10 Chewing Tobacco Cans, 6 Match Books, 2 Cigar Holder Tubes, and a Glass Ash Tray.

Holidays at the Shore (17)

4 Plastic Easter Eggs, 3 Vampire Teeth, 2 Artificial Christmas Trees, 2 Christmas Ornaments, 2 Christmas Wreaths, Christmas Lights, Plastic Christmas Pointsettia, Scarecrow, and a Purple Wig.

Road Warrior (63)

12 Car Bumpers, 11 Miscellaneous Car Parts, 6 Key Rings, 4 Metal Springs, 3 Gaskets, 3 Mufflers, 2 Car Mats, 2 Keys, 2 Spark Plugs, Car Grill, Car Jack, Car Lighter, Car Radiator, Tail Light, Caution Flag, Fan Belt, Headlight, Hub Cap, Jug of Antifreeze, Jumper Cables, License Plate Holder, Oil Filter, Oil Pan, Power Steering Unit, Screw Clamps, Traffic Cone, and a Windshield Wiper.

Faking It (16)

11 Plastic Flowers, 4 Plastic Leaves, Plastic Banana, Plastic Coconut, Plastic Gourd, and a Plastic Plant.

Animal Planet (9)

4 Bags of Dog Feces, 3 Cat Food Cans, Dog Bowl, and a "Pooper Scooper."

Tool Time (40)

9 Dust Masks, 5 Paint Brushes & Rollers, 4 Sheets of Sandpaper, 3 Wrenches, 2 Flashlights, 2 Heavy Duty Sanding Disks, 2 Miscellaneous Tools, 2 Pliers, 2 Thermoses, 200' Electrical Cable, Box Cutter, Funnel, Needle Nose Pliers, Pneumatic Chisel, Screwdriver, Shovel, Snow Shovel, Tarp, and a Tool Box.

Hardware Store (409)

100 Pieces of Insulation, 79 Shingles, 62 Bricks, 44 Tiles & Ceramic Pieces, 41 Pieces of PVC Pipe, 18 Washers, 12 Pieces of Orange Construction Fence, 11 Terra-cotta Pipes, 8 Screws, 7 Metal & Vinyl Siding Pieces, 5 Bolts, 5 Nuts, 4 Paint Cans, 2 Caulking Tubes, 2 Pieces of Tyvek House Wrap, Aluminum Paving, Ice Dam, Landscape Fabric, Metal Gutter, Railing, Roll of Duct Tape, Sheet Rock, and a Shower Head.

Around the House (246)

69 Batteries, 20 Flower Pots, 15 Hangers, 11 Candles, 11 Carpets/Rugs, 8 Umbrellas, 6 Trash Can Lids, 5 Brooms, 5 Cushions, 5 Door Mats, 5 Pad Locks, 5 Pillows, 4 Books, 4 Clothes Pins, 4 Fire Extinguishers, 4 Garbage Cans, 4 Mops, 4 Shower Curtains, 4 Rolls of Toilet Paper, 3 Metal Tables, 3 Vacuum Cleaner Parts, 3 Wooden Benches, 2 Air Fresheners, 2 Glass Fuses, 2 Laundry Baskets, 2 Metal Bed Frames, 2 Metal Wheels, 2 Phone Parts, 2 Telephone Books, 2 Umbrella Tips, 2 Water Heaters, 2 Wooden Chairs, Attic Fan, Air Filter, Bath Mat, Bed Coaster, Bed Headboard, Belt Hanger, Counter Top, Curtain Rod, Door, Door Stop, Fan Cover, Fly Swatter, Iron, Mailbox, Metal Cabinet, Mouse Trap, Telephone, Safety Pin, Seat Cover, Shower Curtain Hook, Sink, Umbrella Pole, Wind Chimes, Window, and a Window Screen.

Kids' Stuff (118)

53 Crayons, 12 Pacifiers, 7 Baby Wipes, 5 Kites, 4 Baby Bottles, 4 Whiffle Balls, 3 Boom Bags, 3 Game Pieces, 3 Kiddy Pools, 3 Super Balls, 2 Pool Noodles, 2 Whiffle Ball Bats, Arcade Ticket, Baby Bottle Nipple, Baby Car Seat, Baby Sip Cup, Barbie Arm, Baseball Card, Bubble Blow Stick, Checker, Jump Rope, Marble, PT Cruiser Matchbox Car, Metal Barbie Box, Model Boat, Plastic Game Table Top, Poster, Stuffed Animal, Toy Soldier, and a Yo-Yo.

Back to School (374)

196 Pens, 104 Rubber Bands, 53 Pencils, 6 Paper Clips, 6 Trays, 3 Erasers, 2 Pencil Sharpeners, Back Pack, Organizer, Ruler, and a Wooden Desk.

Last Call (109)

35 Full Cans of Beer, 32 Sponge Corks, 29 Shot Drink Test Tubes, 7 Ice Chests & Coolers, 4 Ice Chest & Cooler Tops, and 2 Plastic Corks.

Multimedia Event (45)

22 Film Canisters, 3 Audio Tapes, 3 Compact Discs, 2 Cameras, 2 Radio Antennas, 2 Televisions, Camera Eye Piece, Canera Lens Cap, CD/DVD Cases, Cellular Phone, Cell Phone Clip, Computer, Electrical Component, Headphone, Toner Cartridge, TV Cable, and a Video Tape.

Wash-n-Wear (410)

152 Socks, 48 Hats & Caps, 47 Cloth Gloves, 44 Shirts, 28 Pants & Shorts, 26 Pairs of Underwear, 12 Dryer Sheets, 10 Scarves & Bandanas, 10 Shoe laces, 7 Sweaters, 6 Belts, 4 Pairs of Panty hose, 2 Buttons, 2 Dress Shoulder Pads, Apron, Belt Buckle, Coat, Ear Muffs, Feather Boa, Headband, Jacket, Jock Strap, Mesh Clothing Bag, Robe Tie, Sombrero, and a Vest.

Beauty and the Beach (250)

82 Hair Scrunchies, 61 Combs, 57 Sun & Eye Glasses, 36 Chap & Lipsticks, 19 Brushes, 12 Toothbrushes, 11 Hair Curlers, 5 Bars of Soap, 5 Pregnancy Tests (results unknown), 5 Toothpaste Tubes, 3 Make-up Kits, 3 Razors, 2 Mirrors, Bottle of Contact Solution, Bottle of Perfume, Bottle of Talcum Powder, Dental Floss, Deodorant Container, Hair Net, Nail Polish Brush, Plastic Finger Nail, Sex Toy, and a Wig.

Wild World of Sports (206)

42 Miscellaneous Balls, 35 Beach Chairs, 30 Tennis Balls, 15 Bicycles, 14 Pieces of Surf Wax, 13 Golf Balls, 7 Bungee Cords & Surf Leashes, 5 Frisbees, 4 Bike Reflectors, 3 Baseballs, 3 Bike Handle Bars, 3 Darts, 3 Hockey Sticks, 3 Whistles, 2 Basketballs, 2 Bike Parts, 2 Golf Clubs, 2 Knee Pads, 2 Softballs, 2 Tent Stakes, Badminton Birdie, Bar Bell Weight, Baseball Bat, Bike Chain, Bike Seat, Boogie Board, Boomerang, Bowling Ball, Football, Paddle Ball Paddle, Soccer Shin Guard, Surfboard Part, Surfboard Pad, and a Water Ski.

What's Cooking (114)

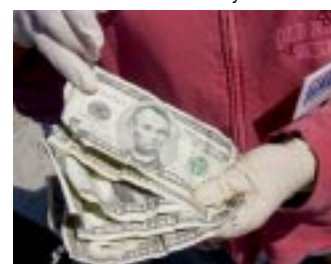
35 Sponges, 29 Rags & Washcloths, 12 Pieces of Silverware, 7 Pieces of Tupperware, 5 Kitchen Knives, 4 Chopsticks, 3 Barbeque Grills, 3 Glass Bowls & Plates, Cake Decorating Tip, Cheese Slicer, Coffee Filter, Coffee Mug, Cooking Mitten, Cutting Board, Ice Tray, Measuring Spoon, Microwave Oven, Pizza Table, Plastic Bowl, Salt-n-Pepper Shaker, Steak Knife, Turkey Baster, and a Whole Turkey.

Signs of the Times (15)

8 Miscellaneous Signs & Sign Posts, 3 Election Signs, 2 Realtor Signs, "Stop" Sign, and a Banner.

Buried Treasure (193)

26 Barrettes, 10 Amusement Park Wrist Bands, 3 Bracelets, 3 Earrings, 3 Lottery Cards & Tickets, 3 Rings, 2 Broaches, 2 Necklaces, 2 Tokens, Credit Card, Metro Card, Movie Ticket, \$135.08 in Cash, and a Treasure Chest Filled with Candy.



Cash found on the beach in Ocean City, NJ

Odds-n-Ends (784)

256 Firecracker/Fireworks Pieces, 200 Little Blue Plastic Plugs, 200 Unknown Plastic Rods, 27 Pieces of Tar, 18 Bubble Wrap Pieces, 9 Flubber/Rubber Blobs, 6 Plastic Crates/Baskets/Tubs, 4 Propane Tanks, 3 Beach Tags, 3 Guitar Pics, 3 Menus, 3 Old Glass Bottles from Belmar Bottling Co., 3 Shopping Carts, 2 "Playbills", 2 "Squishy Things", 2 Metal Bells, 2 Drumsticks, 2 Envelopes, 2 Flags, 2 Luggage Tags, 2 Playing Cards, Arabic Candy Wrapper, Ball of Yarn, Bottle with Chinese Writing filled with a Green Liquid, Carved Wooden Goose Head, Casino Cups, Cremation Bag with Body Tag, Flag Pole, Floral Food Packet, Flute Tip, Guitar Part, Headless Rubber Duck, Margate Beach Badge from 1983, Metal Grate, Newspaper Bag, Nylon Umbrella Bag, Paper Coin Wrapper, Plastic "PEZ" Dispenser, Rabbit's Foot Charm, Railroad Tie, Salt Bag, Small Chain, and an Umbrella Holder.