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Beach Sweeps Highlights

Middlesex, Monmouth, & Ocean Counties

SPRING:

In **Highlands**, members of the Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School Environmental Club picked-up 269 plastic caps/lids, 237 plastic straws/stirrers, and 69 pieces of fishing line. Volunteers in **Bradley Beach** collected 324 pieces of foam plastic and 488 plastic food wrappers. In **Pt. Pleasant Beach** at Jenkinson's Aquarium, 38 volunteers picked up 3,038 items, including 523 plastic food wrappers and 475 plastic caps/lids. Near the Municipal Dock in **Barnegat**, the Clean Communities program of the township led 39 volunteers in a cleanup that removed 200 pounds of trash from the beach.

FALL:

At Raritan Bay Waterfront Park in **South Amboy**, 18 volunteers picked up nearly 1,800 items including 312 plastic foam pieces, 263 plastic pieces, and 334 plastic caps/lids. At **Sandy Hook**, nearly 200 volunteers collected tons of garbage, including 1,600 straws/stirrers, as well as a pearl necklace. In the Port Monmouth section of Middletown, volunteers found six sewage/sludge "cakes" on the beach (*pictured to right*) – one over 2 feet in length – and collected 15 full bags of recyclables. At **Island Beach State Park**, five employees from West Marine picked up 351 plastic cads/lids, 20 balloons, a boat cushion, and a baby stroller wheel, among other debris. Fifty-four volunteers collected 424 plastic straws/stirrers from the beach alongside the boardwalk in **Seaside Heights**.

Record Turnouts

Highlands
Keansburg *
Port Monmouth
Union Beach
(* Tied Record)

New Sweeps Sites

Tinton Falls
Glen Ridge

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South Jersey Sweeps



(above) Members of the Hudson River Fishermen's Association know how to dress for the weather (below) Girl Scouts brave the rain and wind in Seaside Park

