

# Fireworks Roundup / Beach Cleanup

## Media Release

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### Volunteers Cleanup After the Holiday

*Volunteers remove litter and debris following a long and festive holiday weekend and help keep Amelia Island beaches clean and beautiful!*

Amelia Island, Florida, July 6, 2022 – Amelia Island is a beautiful place to celebrate Independence Day with fun, food and fireworks. Unfortunately, trash, litter, and debris from fireworks is often left behind. Unless these materials are collected and carried out by beach goers, they can negatively impact the beauty of the beach and harm marine animals and other wildlife.

The morning of July 5 was designated as a Fireworks Roundup with volunteers cleaning miles of Amelia Island beaches. Some participated in organized events and others individually or with friends and family. Low tide at 7:30am allowed volunteers to get started early and provided a wide area of beach to cover.

Keep Nassau Beautiful site captains were set up at Main Beach and Burney Park with supplies for litter pickup. More than 40 volunteers participated from these two sites, with the majority starting from Main Beach. The Beach Ambassadors added to their regular beach cleanup schedule by joining the morning cleanup to capture as much litter as possible before the next high tide. Many other groups and individuals could be seen helping rid the beach, beach parks, and beach parking lots of litter and debris. Some even provided other volunteers with cold water and Gatorade!

As people are made aware of the harmful effects of disposable plastics, fishing line, hooks, plastic shopping bags, and microplastics the desire to become a good steward of the environment increases. “Getting started is easy, said Lynda Bell, Executive Director, Keep Nassau Beautiful. Volunteering in a litter cleanup, or individually picking up litter during your daily walk, is a great first step. Practicing “Pack In/ Pack Out” or “Leave No Trace” when visiting the beach or other public places is another great step. “Secure Your Load” keeps litter from blowing out of open windows or the back of the vehicle and makes an enormous difference in keeping litter and debris off roadways and out of our waterways. Once you take that first step, you will be hooked on helping keep Nassau County clean, green, and beautiful!”

Thank you to all the participating volunteers! To learn more or organize a cleanup event contact [knb@keepnassaubeautiful.org](mailto:knb@keepnassaubeautiful.org) .



Volunteers participate in Fireworks Roundup on July 5, Burney Park, Amelia Island, removing more than 90 lbs. of litter and debris.



Site Captain, Toby Tovar, provides supplies to volunteers during the Fireworks Roundup at Main Beach, Fernandina Beach. More than 200 lbs. of litter and debris were removed.

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