

For Immediate Release: September 1, 2023

Volunteers are needed to remove plastic pollution, litter, and debris.

Amelia Island, FL, Sept. 1, 2023 - Help remove litter and debris from our beaches, beach parks, and parking areas during International Coastal Cleanup (ICC), Saturday, September 16, 9 am – 11 am, #SeatheChange. Every bottle, every straw, and every piece of trash removed can lead to a cleaner, healthier ocean.

International Coastal Cleanup is the world's largest volunteer effort to clean up the marine environment. [The Ocean Conservancy](#), the world's largest organization focusing exclusively on the health of the marine environment, has sponsored this annual event for the past 38 years.

This cleanup is much more than just removing trash. Volunteers contribute to the world's largest database on marine debris by logging the location and type of trash they collect. Scientists, researchers, industry leaders, and policymakers rely on Ocean Conservancy's Ocean Trash Index to inform policy and determine solutions to the growing marine debris crisis.

Volunteers of all ages are welcome to participate. Volunteers are also eligible to receive community service hours for their participation. Wear shoes suitable for walking and picking up litter and debris. Bring gloves, sunscreen, insect repellent, hats, sunglasses, and water in refillable bottles. Site captains will have additional gloves, bags, data collection cards, and supplies. Volunteers receive a free event t-shirt while supplies last – be sure to register to reserve your free event t-shirt!

To participate in this family-friendly event, register online and select your cleanup site <https://tinyurl.com/ICC2023ai>. An event t-shirt may be reserved while supplies last. Pick up your t-shirt and join us for a volunteer appreciation lunch at V Pizza after the cleanup. Doors open 11:30 am – 1:30 pm. A wristband will be provided during the event cleanup.

The local event is in partnership with the Amelia Beach Ambassadors, First Presbyterian Church, Memorial United Methodist Church, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Volunteers for Nassau and sponsored by Surfing's Evolution and Preservation Foundation, www.preservesurfingbeaches.org. For more information knb@keepnassaubeautiful.org.

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Keep Nassau Beautiful, Inc. is working to inspire, educate, and equip individuals, groups, businesses and governments to take action to make Nassau County a place where residents, visitors and wildlife can thrive and experience the beauty of Nassau County.



2023 International Coastal Cleanup

Saturday, September 16, 2023
Cleanup: 9 am - 11 am
Volunteer Lunch: 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
FREE TO CLEANUP PARTICIPANTS
See the Registration Link for Details

Made possible by:



Please join our beach cleanup and the Volunteer Appreciation Lunch at VPizza made possible with support from our sponsors. Keeping parks, roadways, and beaches litter-free prevents debris from causing harm to wildlife, marine life, and our health.

REGISTRATION REQUESTED:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/705426759427?aff=oddtcreator>

OPTION for WEEKLY UPDATE

International Coastal Cleanup

Volunteers are needed for International Coastal Cleanup - **Saturday, Sept. 16, 9 am – 11 am**. To participate in this family friendly event, register online and select your cleanup location. Site Captains will be available at each listed location to provide Gloves, Trash Grabbers, and Trash Bags. Registered volunteers will receive a free event t-shirt while supplies last. Participants will receive a wristband for a free volunteer appreciation lunch at V Pizza Fernandina Beach 11:30 am – 1:30 pm. Registration Requested: <https://tinyurl.com/ICC2023ai>