

Coastweeks

International Coastal Cleanup Day

September 25, 2010

An Ohio Coastweeks cleanup is an expression of individuals' commitment to clean and safe beaches and waterways - it's all about doing something responsible for the environment and finding solutions for the litter which can kill wildlife and fish and degrade our beaches, streams and tributaries. It's a way to get involved locally with an international effort, in which thousands of individuals are working together to clean up their shores - and have fun in the process.

Ohio's Coastweeks is our local celebration of the International Coastal Cleanup. Celebrating its 25th anniversary, the ICC is organized around the world by Ocean Conservancy. Last year, more than 400,000 volunteers collected over 6.8 million pounds of trash in 100 countries and 42 U.S. states.

Green your stream with a Coastweeks Cleanup!



Last year over 65 miles of shoreline were cleaned and 15,154 pounds of trash were removed from Ohio's shoreline. The cleanup isn't just about picking up trash and debris. Volunteers also record the items they find on a data card which trace both the types of items found, as well as their location. The Ocean Conservancy uses this information as it works with the sources of these materials to try to find long-term solutions.



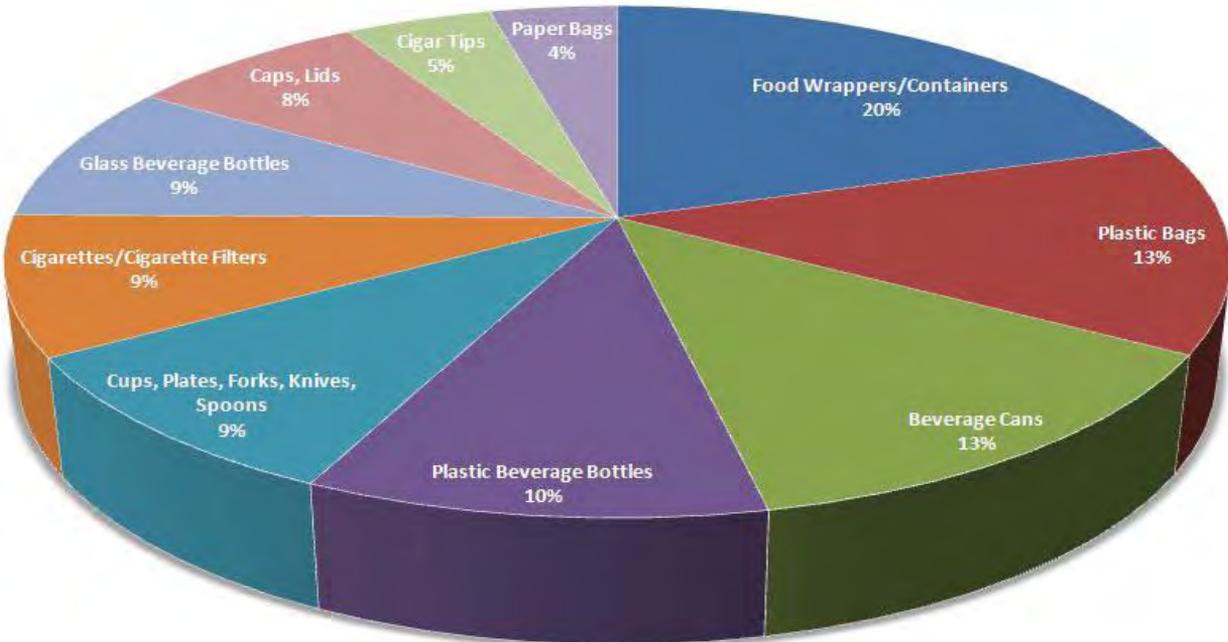
Fast food wrappers/containers, beverage cans, and plastic bags are just a few of the most commonly found items every year. Some of the most unusual items found in years gone by include a toilet seat, horseshoes, false teeth, wedding bands, frying pans, cameras, and bowling balls, just to name a few.

If you want to make a difference in your watershed, it's easy to get involved. Events held any time during the month of September can be a part Coastweeks.

Complete the event form, make a copy for your file and return it in the self-addressed envelope (Ohio Lake Erie Commission Office, One Maritime Plaza, 4th Floor, Toledo, OH 43604) or fax to 419-245-2519 by July 6, 2010.

Top Ten Items

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Return event form by July 6, please! A self-addressed envelope is enclosed or mail to Ohio Lake Erie Commission, One Maritime Plaza, 4th Floor, Toledo, OH 43604-1866 or fax: 419-245-2519

Contact person for event: _____

Mail supplies to this address: _____

Contact e-mail: _____

Contact phone number: _____

Start date of event: _____ Start time for event: _____

Event location (*address, city, park name, etc.*): _____

Name of your event and description of what you plan on doing (cleaning, planting trees, etc.) at your event.

Important: Where should volunteers meet you? Be specific and give as many details as possible. (*Street address, parking lot, beach site or area, inside or outside of a specific building, etc.*)

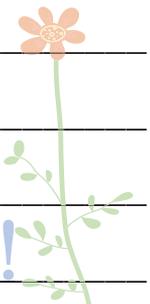
Would you like a personalized, colored poster to advertise your event?

_____ YES! - send me: 1 2 3 4 5 6 posters
(circle one)

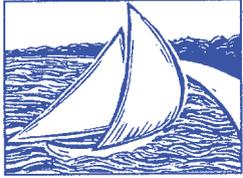
_____ NO - Thank you!

Please list here comments or suggestions that would be helpful to you planning future events. Feedback is important to us.

Thank you!



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CELEBRATE
EDUCATE
PARTICIPATE

*Take the Coastweeks pledge to help
protect and restore
Lake Erie and its watershed.*

I will acknowledge Ohio's Coastweeks and Ohio Lake Erie Commission, as follows:

On day of event, mention: *This event is part of Ohio's Coastweeks,
sponsored in part by the Ohio Lake Erie Commission.*

Use of logo: Will appear on all printed materials;

Web site: *<http://lakeerie.ohio.gov>*

I will use current data cards and record requested information on data cards provided;

All land/underwater volunteers will sign and date provided release form;

I will record the approximate weight of trash, miles cleaned and number of volunteers;

I will return the data cards and volunteers' release forms as soon as the event has
been completed or by September 30, 2010.

I pledge to acknowledge Ohio's Coastweeks:

Event Coordinator Signature

Date

MAKE ONE COPY FOR YOUR FILE AND RETURN SIGNED ORIGINAL TO:
Coastweeks, Ohio Lake Erie Commission, One Maritime Plaza, 4th Floor,
Toledo, OH 43604-1866