



Volunteers and Donations

Thank you for helping us save Florida's beaches!

Service Activity: Remove man-made debris from beaches and coastal areas.

Caution: Florida's beaches and marshes are the nesting sites for many different species of birds. Beach nesting birds camouflage their nests, usually found above the high water line. Eggs blend in perfectly with the sand and can be easily stepped on and crushed. Please consult with local land management agencies (US Fish and Wildlife Service, Florida State Parks, County Parks, etc.) before performing clean-up activities on public lands.

Animal Safety

Note: The Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission should be consulted for direction on appropriate measures to protect wildlife while preparing for potential oil landfall.

For those who want to clean litter from the beaches in anticipation of oil coming ashore, Audubon of Florida recommends:

- Use approved access points.
- Stay below the tidal line.
- Natural debris should be left in place as it often provides valuable nesting benefits to shorebirds and other wildlife.
- Do not place debris in the dunes or above the high water line.
- Don't use equipment such as rakes, shovels or tractors.
- Do not bring dogs onto the beach.

Volunteer Safety

- Wear strong, protective gloves when removing debris.
- Apply sunscreen regularly.
- Drink plenty of water; hydrate often.
- Volunteers should be reminded to NOT to trample vegetation in the dunes or in the bay.
- Volunteers should not enter into Salt Marsh vegetation. Entry pathways could become entry points for any oil we might see. In these areas, clean up trash and other man-made debris.
- Volunteers should stay in easily accessible shoreline areas for clean up in vegetated estuaries and salt marshes. This keeps the volunteers safe and protects ecosystems.

After the oil spill

- Oil is toxic! Any oiled debris or animal should only be handled by highly trained volunteers and professionals.
- Volunteers **should not** attempt to clean impacted beaches themselves or attempt to rescue oiled wildlife on their own. **Call 1-866-557-1401 to report oiled wildlife.**
Call 1-866-448-5816 to report oiled shoreline or request volunteer information.

Volunteer Opportunities
www.volunteerfloridadisaster.org

Updated Oil Spill Information
www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com
www.floridadisaster.org