



MIAMIBEACH

Safety Procedures for Beach Clean-up Volunteers

ALL PARTICIPANTS IN BEACH CLEAN-UP ACTIVITIES MUST ATTEND A SAFETY PRE-TASK BRIEFING PRIOR TO TAKING PART IN CLEAN-UPS.

1. No vehicles shall be brought onto or driven on the beach.
2. Remove litter when the weather is good, during daylight hours only.
3. Wearing a pair of sunglasses, gloves, hat and sun block should be considered.
4. Do not bring persons to participate in or observe the activity if they are under the age of 18.
5. Persons participating should wear safety gloves, a good quality shoe (no open toe shoes, sandals or flip flops) and light or bright color protective clothing.
6. Do not pick up litter near construction, maintenance or renourishment sites or near special events.
7. Avoid suspected toxic/hazardous substances; poison ivy, poison oak, noxious weeds; areas where herbicides have been recently applied; places where snakes, fire ants or other insects may be located. Do not pick up unknown or hazardous materials and note their location on your clean-up report.
8. No horseplay of any type will be tolerated.
9. No intoxicating liquid, beverage or illegal drugs will be allowed.
10. Bring along a cellular phone if one is available.

REMINDERS:

1. Keep naturally occurring organic material on the beach (seaweed, plants, and seeds etc). Carefully clean around seaweed and dune vegetation and avoid stepping on or trampling plants. Vegetation provides food for beach wildlife and helps capture wind-blown sand.
2. Cleaning up small pieces of litter is just as important as larger items.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:

1. Every crew should possess an adequate First Aid Kit. Treat all injuries no matter how minor they appear.
2. Know the route from the work site to the nearest emergency center or hospital in case of serious injury.

3. Have transportation immediately available.
4. If you have any beach issues, contact City of Miami Beach - Ocean Rescue, 1001 Ocean Drive, (305) 673-7714. This includes if you find any sea turtles, birds, marine mammals or other dead, sick or injured animals on the beach. Never put a washed in, beached or stranded animal back in the water.

Please let staff know how your clean-up went in the week following your event. You can call (305) 534-3825 or e-mail staff at ecomb@ecomb.org with the Adopt-A-Beach Data Card that includes number of people who participated, the duration of the event and the approximate number of bags of waste removed from the beach.

Thanks for helping keep our beaches clean & our wildlife safe!

Visit www.ecomb.org for more program or beach information.