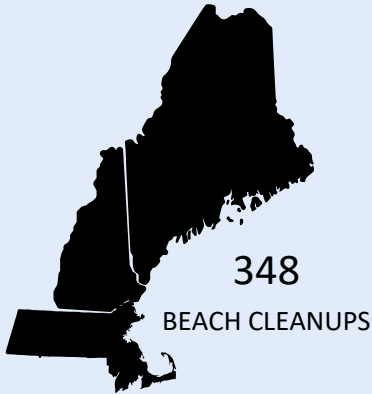
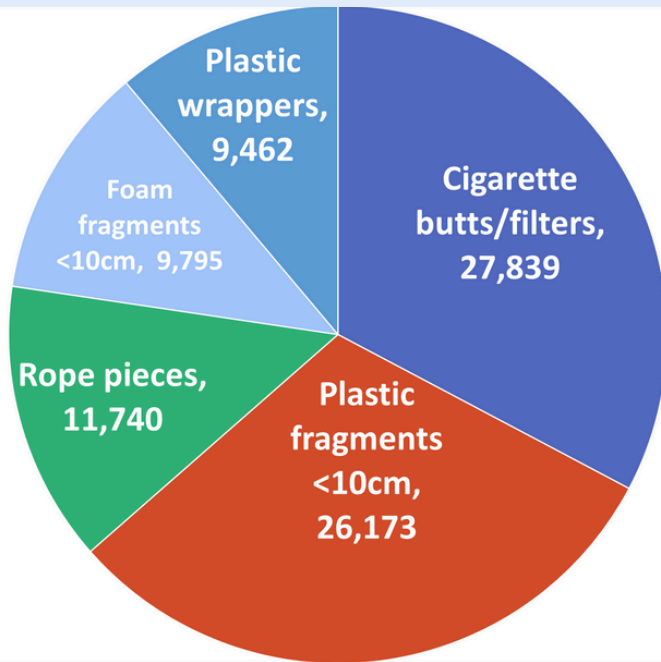


2023 Beach Cleanup Results



Top Litter Items



Single-use plastics amounted to about 70,000 (45%) of the items collected from the beach in 2023



Results By Town

NH			ME			MA		
	Pounds Collected	Number of Cleanups		Pounds Collected	Number of Cleanups		Pounds Collected	Number of Cleanups
Dover	272	8	Eliot	52	4	Boston	12	1
Durham	111	5	Kennebunk	6	2	Ipswich	150	10
Hampton	1,665	120	Kittery	119	7	Newbury	16	1
New Castle	12	3	Ogunquit	19	4	Newburyport	27	1
Newington	380	3	Old Orchard Beach	68	1	Salisbury	43	2
Portsmouth	429	20	Portland	140	7			
Rye	2,997	103	Saco	7	5			
Seabrook	142	17	Wells	720	4			
			York	196	13			

We found 72 Hooksett Disks in 2023. They were accidentally released in 2011.



A Sheehan Phinney group member found a Hooksett Disk at Hampton Beach in October 2023.

Adopt-A-Beach Groups

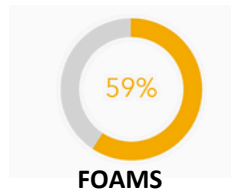
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 Albers Family
 Allagash Brewery
 Barry Hayes
 Bill Hall
 Christine Ward
 Chucky's Fight
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 Community Partners
 FUUSE/PEA
 Kyler Ronner-Bland
 League of Conservation Voters
 Mainly Conservation
 Marcy Ghirardi
 NextEra Energy
 NH DES Coastal Program
 Nick Mastrella
 Nicole & Madison Santley
 Paul & Richard Eastman
 Riley Levesque
 Rod Mattson
 Seacoast Paddleboard Club
 Slack Tide Maine
 Stephanie Burrows
 Tides of Life SUP Yoga
 Tilluckdharry/Magnus Family

Cleanup Partners

Advantage Truck Group
 Amadeus
 Amphenol Ardent Concepts
 Apple
 Bangor Savings Bank
 BANKW Staffing
 Berwick Academy
 BMS Northern New England District
 Bow High School
 Brewers Collective
 Chinburg Properties
 CliftonLarsonAllen LLP
 Coastal Waters Chartered Public School
 Coe Brown Northwood Academy
 Community Church of Durham
 Connection Inc.
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 Dover High School
 Dover Middle School
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 FedPoint
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 First Citizens Bank
 Friends Forever International
 GE Aerospace
 Girl Scout Troop 30787
 GMO GlobalSign, Inc.
 Great Bay Charter School
 Green Maids Cleaning
 Greenland Central School
 GZA GeoEnvironmental
 Hampton Cub Scout Pack 177
 Heronfield Academy
 HOPEww Scouts
 Impax
 John Hancock
 Jordan Park
 Laborie Medical Technologies
 Liberty Mutual
 Little Harbour School
 Londonderry High School
 Lonza Biologics
 MARMON Aerospace & Defense
 Merchant's Fleet
 Messiah Lutheran Church in Amherst
 NCAB Group, USA
 New Hampton School
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 NH Coastal Adaptation Workgroup
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 Nottingham Elementary
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 Parker Hannifin
 Penacook Elementary School
 Phillips Exeter Academy
 Pierce Atwood
 Pinkerton Academy
 Planet Fitness
 Point32Health
 Portsmouth High School
 PrimeAsia Leather Company
 Prospect Mountain High School
 Ralph Lauren
 Rye Beach Committee
 Santander
 Seacoast Board of Realtors
 Seacoast Financial Planning
 Seascope Capital Management
 Sheehan Phinney
 SmartBear Software
 Southern New Hampshire University
 Solari Salon & Spa
 Stonyfield Yogurt
 TD Bank
 Technology Business Research
 The Aland Realty Group
 The Rye Beach Club
 The Simon Group
 Timberland
 Trillium Flow Technologies
 University of New Hampshire
 Unitarian Universalist of Newburyport
 Voya Financial
 Westinghouse Electric Corporation
 Weston & Sampson Engineers
 Whole Foods
 Wilson Language Training
 Windham High School
 World Affairs Council of NH
 York Chamber
 York Parks & Rec

Other Marine Debris Programs

Since 2013, we've worked with UNH Cooperative Extension and New Hampshire Sea Grant to study microplastics on New Hampshire beaches. Our study involves collecting sand samples, sieving them for plastics, and then sorting the plastics into various categories. Foams made up more than 50% of microplastics across the beaches.



In 2020, we partnered with Rozalia Project for a Clean Ocean and Boothbay Sea & Science Center to design classroom lending kits to teach about microplastics. These kits have been used by hundreds of students and teachers.

\$2.7 Million to Battle Derelict Fishing Gear:

In 2023, the Center for Coastal Studies was awarded \$2.7 million from the NOAA Marine Debris Program to partner with Blue Ocean Society for Marine Conservation and other organizations to form The New England Regional Fishing Gear Response and Removal Team. Over 3 years, we will remove and document abandoned, lost, derelict fishing gear in New England.

