



2020 Results

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Saturday, July 25, 2021

Total Amount Collected:

3.43 tons / 597 people / 1,561 Hours

✳	Martin County	1.09 tons	/	262 people	/	719.50 hours
✳	Saint Lucie County	2.03 tons	/	251 people	/	665 hours
✳	Indian River County	.31 tons	/	80 people	/	196.50 hours

Breakdown per region:

Martin County:

🌿	Martin County	1.09 tons	/	262 people	/	799.50 hours
🌿	City of Stuart	.08 tons	/	31 people	/	176.75 hours
🌿	Peck Lake Reef Dive	TBA	/	TBA	/	

St. Lucie County:

🌿	Saint Lucie County	2.03 tons	/	251 people	/	655 hours
🌿	City of Ft. Pierce	.79 tons	/	91 people	/	371 hours
🌿	City of Pt. St. Lucie	.25 tons	/	72 people	/	272 hours

Indian River County:

🌿	Indian River County	.31 tons	/	82 people	/	189.50 hours
🌿	City of Vero Beach	.19 tons	/	40 people	/	77 hours
🌿	City of Sebastian	.07 tons	/	27 people	/	75.50 Hours

***New this year, we are reporting volunteer hours. Since so many participants and groups went out on multiple days & times, we feel this represents a true picture of our overall effort.**

Summary: The 13th Annual Treasure Coast Waterway Cleanup met the challenge of social distancing for the Covid-19 pandemic by transitioning into a week-long virtual cleanup. We anticipated a decrease in participation & trash collected, especially without our traditional sites. However, we were optimistic about the opportunities the extended cleanup times and digital data input could prove useful for future cleanups.

Results from the cleanup show a 44% decrease in participation and trash collection decrease of 33%. Organizers are impressed by the number of participants who volunteered on multiple days. The amount of trash is also impressive since participants were asked to limit trash pick up to what each could personally dispose. Significantly less construction materials were brought back. There was an overall increase in picnic trash and for the first time, mask and gloves became a regularly reported item.

Miscellaneous Trash:

- * Bottles, cans, plastic and glass beverage containers: 5,368 (5,155 in 2019)
- * Articles of clothing: 415 (249 in 2019)
- * Straws: 1,045 (949 in 2019)
- * Fishing Lures: 165 (119 in 2019)
- * Toys: 154 (68 in 2019)
- * Cigarette Butts: 5,276 (5,840 in 2019)
- * Face Masks: 165 (not previously reported)
- * Gloves: 142 (previously averaged 3 gloves a year)

Unique Items:

- * (9) Fishing Poles
- * \$5 & \$10 dollar bills
- * 10 lb. weight
- * 50' garden hose
- * Reading Glasses
- * Jar full of seeds
- * Broken Canoe