



2024 Results

Total Amount Collected:

2.16 tons / 936 people

- Martin County .93 tons / 393 people
- Saint Lucie County .93 tons / 424 people
- Indian River County .30 tons / 119 people

Breakdown per region:

Martin County:

- Martin County 1.05 tons / 393 people
- City of Stuart .17 tons / 135 people
- Peck Lake Reef Dive .13 tons / 68 people

St. Lucie County:

- Saint Lucie County .93 tons / 424 people
- City of Ft. Pierce .42 tons / 181 people
- City of Pt. St. Lucie .22 tons / 103 people

Indian River County:

- Indian River County .30 tons / 119 people
- City of Vero Beach .03 tons / 28 people
- City of Sebastian .04 tons / 48 people



Summary: The 17th Annual Treasure Coast Waterway Cleanup week had another successful year. The week-long effort was self-reporting and we were able to compliment the effort by hosting our volunteers at 25 cleanup sites from Hobe Sound to Sebastian on Saturday, July 27, 2024.

The heat was less of a factor for 2024, but let's face it, it summertime! Our team of 936 volunteers combined to remove 2.16 tons of trash. *This compares to 1,146 participants who removed 3.47 tons of trash in 2023. With a smaller volunteer force, we collected 1.31 tons less than 2023.* Although our goal is no trash and lesser amounts, the reality is less people are going to find less trash.

Since 2008, we've removed 104.9 tons of trash. Our results often identify environmental, social and economic trends. Here are a few simple take-aways for 2024:

- Volunteers continue to report finding less and smaller trash items than past years
- The majority of small items are; food containers of all kinds, small pieces of plastic, cans, cigarette butts & styrofoam pieces
- There was an increase of discarded tires, up 30%
- Since, the region has been spared any major weather events such as hurricanes, we are seeing fewer pieces large debris and are not seeing any large scale illegal dumping
- Together, we are making a difference! Recreational activities (both land and water) are areas that together we can strive to maintain & improve.

Miscellaneous Trash:

- Bottles, cans, plastic and glass beverage containers: 3,713 (3,713 in 2023)
- Articles of clothing: 207 (370 in 2023)
- Straws: 575 (614 in 2023)
- Fishing Lures: 159 (192 in 2023)
- Fishing Poles: 14 (13 in 2023)
- Coolers: 10 (15 in 2023)
- Cigarette Butts: 4,456 (4,254 in 2023)
- Face Masks: 16 (37 in 2023)
- Gloves: 50 (32 in 2023)
- Toys: 82 (106 in 2023)
- Golf Balls: 15 (13 in 2023)
- Tennis Balls: 16 (22 in 2023)

Unique Items:

- Boomerang
- 45 rpm - Blood Sweat & Tears
- Crab Trap
- Wheel Barrel
- 20" TV
- Weed Grinder & many vape cartridges

Thank you and see you next year!