



# TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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## MEDIA ADVISORY

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## Adopt-A-Beach Spring Cleanup set for April 25

### *27 cleanup sites along the Texas coast*

AUSTIN — The 23rd annual Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach Spring Cleanup will take place Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 27 sites along the Texas coast.

“Join us for a great time and a good cause, keeping Texas beaches beautiful,” said Jerry Patterson, Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office.

Thousands of volunteers, including former President George H.W. Bush, are making plans to join the big cleanup. President Bush will attend the cleanup on the Bolivar Peninsula, drawing national attention to the recovery efforts there.

Volunteers can register at any of 27 check-in sites between 8:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers must pre-register for the St. Jo Island location in advance, as reservations are required due to limited access. Volunteers for St. Jo Island will check in on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m. at Fisherman’s Wharf, 900 Tarpon St., in Port Aransas.

Texans who are not able to attend the cleanup can help keep their beaches clean by making a tax-deductible donation online at [www.texasadoptabeach.org](http://www.texasadoptabeach.org). There are several different Adopt-A-Beach sponsorship levels ranging from \$25 to \$25,000, allowing both individuals and corporations to contribute to this major cleanup effort.

Each volunteer will be given data cards, gloves, pencils and trash bags. All volunteers are advised to wear closed-toe shoes and bring sunscreen and plenty of drinking water. Statewide coastal cleanups are held every spring and fall.

Texas beaches receive large amounts of marine debris due to a convergence of currents in the Gulf of Mexico. Since 1986, more than 375,000 Adopt-A-Beach volunteers have picked up more than 7,100 tons of this debris along the Texas coast. Volunteers record data on the trash to learn more about the causes of marine debris and to help mitigate pollution along Texas’ 367 miles of coastline.

The Texas General Land Office’s Adopt-A-Beach Program, Bush Clinton Coastal Recovery Fund and the Points of Light Institute have joined forces to bring national attention to the Bolivar Peninsula. Shell Oil Company is the lead cleanup sponsor for 2009. Other statewide sponsors are Maritech Resources, the Newfield Foundation, AkzoNobel Surface Chemistry, LLC, Johnson Controls, Halliburton and Flint Hills Resources Community Action Council.

The Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach Cleanups are held rain or shine!

For a complete listing of cleanup sites for the upcoming Spring Cleanup, to learn how you can participate, or for additional information on the Adopt-A-Beach Program, please visit [www.texasadoptabeach.org](http://www.texasadoptabeach.org) or contact the GLO at 1-877-TX COAST.

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**Who:** Jerry Patterson, Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office  
**What:** GLO Adopt-A-Beach Spring Cleanup  
**When:** Saturday, April 25, 2009  
Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.  
Clean up will be from 9 a.m. to noon  
**Where:** 27 sites along the Texas coast

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