

*City of Santa Rosa's  
Creek Stewardship Program*



**CREEK WEEK**  
*September 19 – 26, 2020*

**Let's celebrate and care for Santa Rosa's  
100 miles of creeks together!**  
*(while we still stay socially distanced)*

**Help with a cleanup of your neighborhood,  
do scavenger hunts, make and get creek maps,  
enter a fun prize raffle and more!**

**Get all the information at:**

**<https://srcity.org/2290/Creek-Week-2020>**



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## **Village Charter School...**

Let's continue our legacy as a school that takes caring ACTION!  
Let's join together\* in service with Sonoma County and the WORLD!!

## **35<sup>th</sup> Annual International Coastal Cleanup**

**September 19, 2020**

**9:00 – 12:00 am** (you pick one hour)



*\* This year we are all staying close to home and cleaning up in small family groups.  
Remember, a neighborhood cleanup is a creek cleanup...  
our streets and storm drains all flow and go down to our creeks!*



**IN 2019**

**1,080,358 PEOPLE**

**23,333,816 TRASH POUNDS COLLECTED**

**122 COUNTRIES**



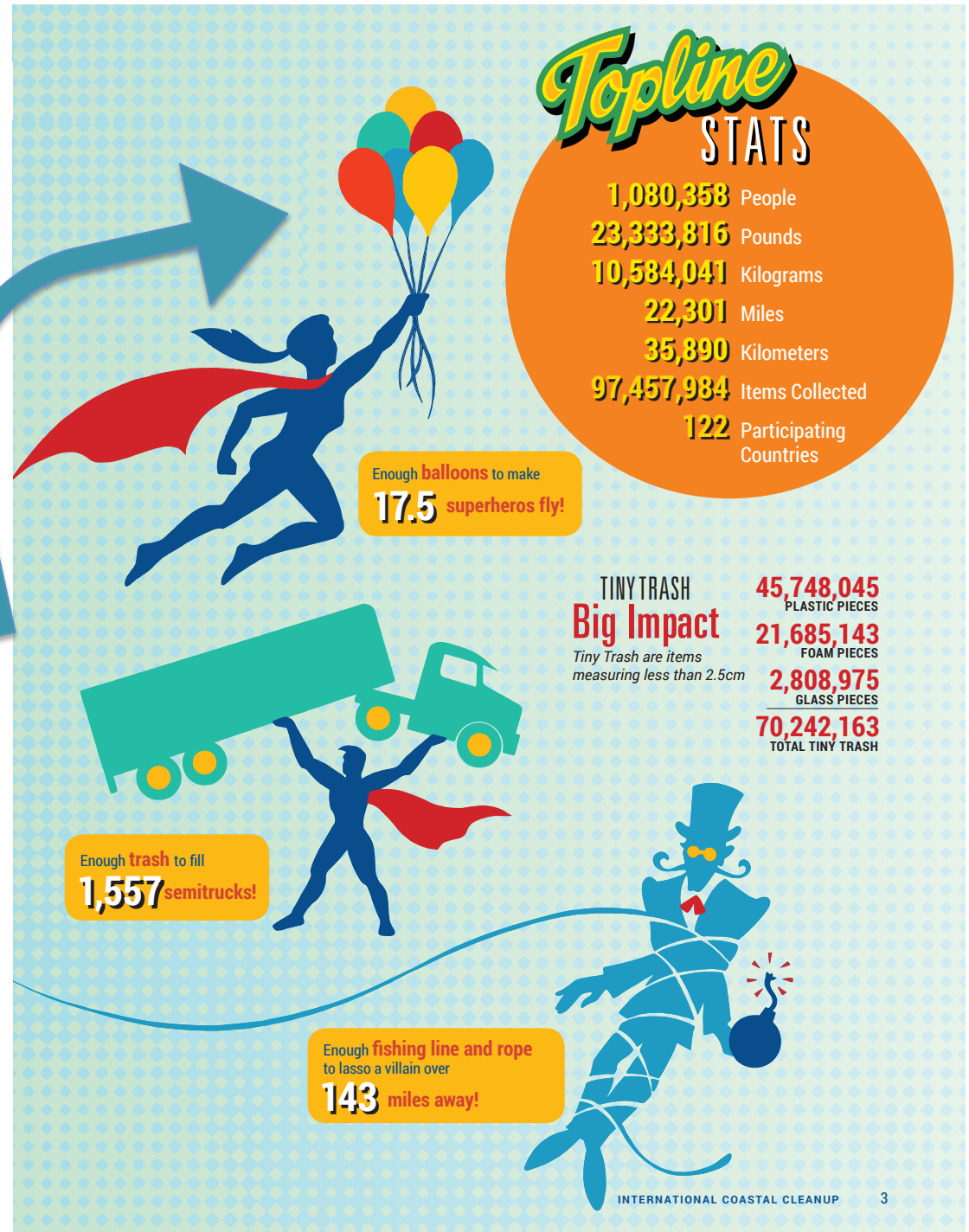
International Coastal Cleanup is California's largest volunteer event, last year in 2019:

**74,813** people volunteered  
*and cleaned up*  
**827,946** pounds of trash!

Here's some of what happened in California AND all over the world during 2019's international cleanup

Volunteers that cleanup trash and collect data about what they find are "citizen scientists" They help discover important information about the world's trash problem!

**Will you join  
2020's cleanup?**





## ***International Cleanup Day 2020 • September 19, 2020***

### **8 Steps to Safely Conduct a Solo or Small Family Group Cleanup**



1. Pick a Location: Identify a safe location to clean where social distancing is easily achievable. Think ahead about where you will properly dispose of trash at the location you choose. Monitor your health and the health of your family members before considering a cleanup of any size



2. Gather Materials: Gather materials needed. This includes proper Personal Protective Equipment (masks and gloves), hand sanitizer, grabbers, trash bags, closed toed shoes and a reusable water bottle.



3. Download Clean Swell: If you are able, please help us collect important data on the types and amount of trash you remove. Download the Clean Swell application on your phone or other smart device. Be sure to “Allow” location services while using the app.



4. Clean Up: Safely collect trash using gloves, and take pictures to document your efforts. Never pick up any trash items that you are not comfortable with.



5. Carefully Remove Gloves: After you finish collecting items, carefully remove gloves and wash hands and arms with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



6. Record Data: Follow steps on the Clean Swell app to review and submit your data. Data automatically submit to Ocean Conservancy’s database when you see a “Thank You!” screen.



7. Properly Dispose of Waste: Properly dispose of items collected. Do not place trash bags in overflowing bins. This may cause items to fly away and end up back in the water.



8. Sanitize: Immediately and thoroughly sanitize any gear used during the cleanup including grabbers, gloves and buckets.

# COUNT IT WITH CLEAN SWELL

HOW TO USE OCEAN CONSERVANCY'S MOBILE APP



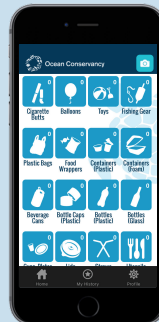
## DOWNLOAD & SIGN IN

- Download for free on any mobile device.
- Add your email and create a password.
- You're ready to go!



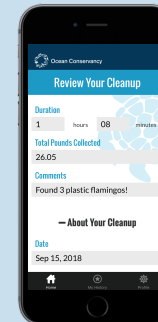
## COLLECT & RECORD

- Confirm the number of people on your team and start collecting.
- Tap the icons to record what you are finding.
- Snap photos of your cleanup using the camera icon.
- Click "Done Collecting" when you are finished.



## REVIEW & SUBMIT

- Confirm the details (date, number of people) are correct.
- Add a group name. Check with your cleanup leader for details.
- Submit! Your data will immediately upload to the ICC database and help inform solutions.



## CELEBRATE & SHARE

- Congratulations on a job whale done!
- Thank you for your hard work, now go ahead and brag about it on social media.
- Did you earn a badge? Excellent, the more you collect, the more you earn!



GROUP NAME:





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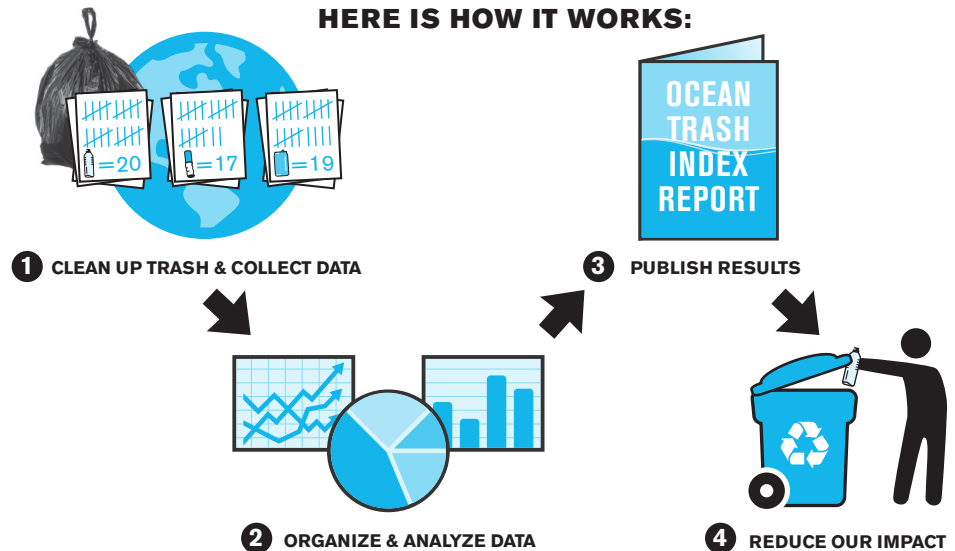
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# VOLUNTEER OCEAN TRASH DATA FORM



Ocean and waterway trash ranks as one of the most serious pollution problems choking our planet. Far more than an eyesore, a rising tide of marine debris threatens human health, wildlife, communities and economies around the world. The ocean faces many challenges, but trash should not be one of them. Ocean trash is entirely preventable, and data you collect are part of the solution. The International Coastal Cleanup is the world's largest volunteer effort on behalf of ocean and waterway health.

## HERE IS HOW IT WORKS:



### SITE INFORMATION:

Cleanup Site Name:	<input type="text"/>		
State or Province:	<input type="text"/>	Zone or County:	<input type="text"/>
Country:	<input type="text"/>	Nearest Crossroad or Landmark:	<input type="text"/>

### MOST UNUSUAL ITEM COLLECTED:

### TYPE OF CLEANUP:

Land: ☐ Underwater: ☐ Watercraft: ☐

### NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS WORKING ON THIS CARD:

adults children (under 12)

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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### DATE:

**GO PAPERLESS!**  
Collect and record  
your data on  
**Clean Swell!**

Download the  
free app on your  
mobile device.



**Please return this form to your area coordinator.**  
If you are unable to do so, please mail or email it to:

Ocean Conservancy  
Attn: International Coastal Cleanup  
1300 19th Street, NW, 8th Floor, Washington, DC 20036  
cleanup@oceanconservancy.org

**Trash Free Seas:** [www.oceanconservancy.org/cleanup](http://www.oceanconservancy.org/cleanup)  
**Be a Green Boater:** [www.oceanconservancy.org/do-your-part/green-boating](http://www.oceanconservancy.org/do-your-part/green-boating)  
**Sponsors:** [www.oceanconservancy.org/cleanupsponsors](http://www.oceanconservancy.org/cleanupsponsors)  
**Clean Swell:** [www.oceanconservancy.org/cleanswell](http://www.oceanconservancy.org/cleanswell)



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# TRASH COLLECTED

**Citizen scientist:** Pick up all trash and record all items you find below. No matter how small the items, the data you collect are important for Trash Free Seas.®

## EXAMPLE:

Plastic Bags:  = **8**

TOTAL #

Please DO NOT use words or check marks. Only **numbers** are useful data.

## MOST LIKELY TO FIND ITEMS:

Cigarette Butts:	=	Beverage Bottles (Plastic):	=
Food Wrappers (candy, chips, etc.):	=	Beverage Bottles (Glass):	=
Take Out/Away Containers (Plastic):	=	Beverage Cans:	=
Take Out/Away Containers (Foam):	=	Grocery Bags (Plastic):	=
Bottle Caps (Plastic)	=	Other Plastic Bags:	=
Bottle Caps (Metal)	=	Paper Bags:	=
Lids (Plastic) :	=	Cups & Plates (Paper):	=
Straws/Stirrers:	=	Cups & Plates (Plastic):	=
Forks, Knives, Spoons:	=	Cups & Plates (Foam):	=

## FISHING GEAR:

Fishing Buoys, Pots & Traps:	=
Fishing Net & Pieces:	=
Fishing Line (1 yard/meter = 1 piece):	=
Rope (1 yard/meter = 1 piece):	=

TOTAL #

## PACKAGING MATERIALS:

6-Pack Holders	=
Other Plastic/Foam Packaging:	=
Other Plastic Bottles (oil, bleach, etc.):	=
Strapping Bands:	=

TOTAL #

## OTHER TRASH:

Appliances (refrigerators, washers, etc.):	=
Balloons:	=
Cigar Tips:	=
Cigarette Lighters:	=
Construction Materials:	=
Fireworks:	=
Tires:	=

TOTAL #

## PERSONAL HYGIENE:

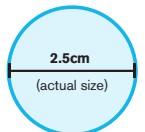
Condoms:	=
Diapers:	=
Syringes:	=
Tampons/Tampon Applicators:	=
Gloves & masks (PPE):	=
e-cigarette waste:	=

TOTAL #

## TINY TRASH LESS THAN 2.5CM:

Foam Pieces	=
Glass Pieces	=
Plastic Pieces	=

TOTAL #



DEAD/INJURED ANIMAL	STATUS	ENTANGLED	TYPE OF ENTANGLEMENT ITEM
	Dead or Injured	Yes or No	

## ITEMS OF LOCAL CONCERN:

1.	2.	3.
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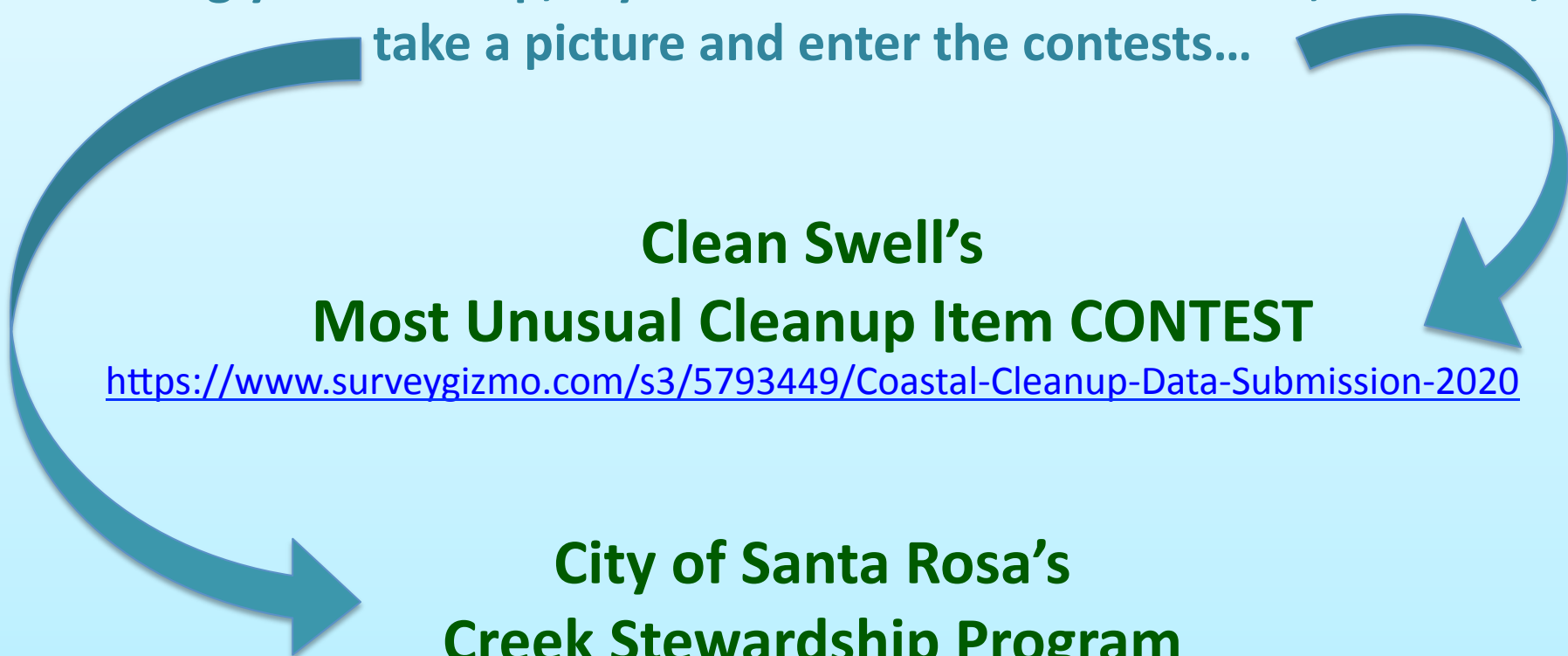
## CLEANUP SUMMARY (circle units)

Number of Trash Bags Filled:  Weight of Trash Collected:  lbs/kgs Distance Cleaned:  miles/km



# ***MOST UNUSUAL DEBRIS CONTEST for*** **International Coastal Cleanup Event**

During your cleanup, if you find an unusual trash item, record it,  
take a picture and enter the contests...



## **Clean Swell's Most Unusual Cleanup Item CONTEST**

<https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/5793449/Coastal-Cleanup-Data-Submission-2020>

## **City of Santa Rosa's Creek Stewardship Program Most Unusual Cleanup Item CONTEST**

<https://srcity.org/2290/Creek-Week-2020>

# ***ADDITIONAL RESOURCES for*** **International Coastal Cleanup Event**

**City of Santa Rosa Creek Week • 9/19 – 9/26**

FIND ON-LINE <https://srcity.org/2290/Creek-Week-2020>

Contests, Get Maps, Virtual Tours and more!

**California Coastal Commission**  
**ART AND POETRY CONTEST**

**WORLD's TOP 10 Trash Items**  
**GUESSING GAME**

**California's TOP 29 Trash Items**  
**LET'S MAKE TRASH EXTINCT Info Cards**

**International Coastal Cleanup**  
**FINAL REPORT 2019**



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Santa Rosa Creek Week is going virtual! Beginning Saturday, September 19, take part in all of our Creek Week activities from the comfort of your home and local neighborhood. Creek Week may look a little different this year but you definitely won't want to miss out on the fun!

# CALIFORNIA COASTAL ART & POETRY CONTEST

For California Students  
Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Winners in art and poetry will be selected in each of five grade-level categories (K-1, 2-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12) to receive a \$100 gift certificate to an art supply store or a bookstore. Each winner's teacher will receive a \$50 gift certificate from **Acorn Naturalists**. All winning and honorably mentioned art and poetry will be part of a travelling exhibit, as conditions allow.

**Entry deadline: January 31, 2021**

**Enter online at [www.coastal.ca.gov/art-poetry](http://www.coastal.ca.gov/art-poetry)**

**Winners will be announced by the end of March**

Art and poetry must have a California coastal or ocean theme. Please see the Contest Guidelines at [www.coastal.ca.gov/art-poetry](http://www.coastal.ca.gov/art-poetry) for complete rules. Art entries: please include a short statement (a paragraph or less) on how the coast or ocean inspired your art. Students may dictate poetry or artist's statement if needed, but it must be their own words or an English translation of their own words.

And the sky rolls  
with boulders, sunlight barely  
large enough to crawl through.

The body before me: solitary  
but glinting teeth. A body of breaking.

A wave shatters into sea spray on the rocks,  
and I imagine the yawning maw of the ocean  
swallowing  
the house behind me.

Excerpt from poem by  
**Dohyun Kim, grade 11, 2020**



For guidelines in English and Spanish, prompts for inspiration, and teacher tips, visit [www.coastal.ca.gov/art-poetry](http://www.coastal.ca.gov/art-poetry) or email [coast4u@coastal.ca.gov](mailto:coast4u@coastal.ca.gov)

Visit [www.coastal.ca.gov/art-poetry](http://www.coastal.ca.gov/art-poetry) with your parent or guardian to complete the online entry form and upload your poetry or art and artist's statement.



*Above artwork from the 2020 contest by Yvonne Wang, grade 6*