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WHAT WE ARE ABOUT

N.C. Big Sweep is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization originally founded in 1987 as Beach Sweep, an initiative to remove unsightly and harmful litter from the state's coastline. It expanded inland in 1989, and was renamed Big Sweep, becoming the nation's first statewide waterway cleanup. Its mission expanded in 2002 from litter-free waters to a litter-free environment.

Big Sweep educational programs such as "Splish Splash," "Ripples" and "Don't Leave Your Butt on the Beach" including pocket ashtrays have received national recognition, and other states have replicated Big Sweep programs.

Big Sweep implemented the nation's first statewide six-pack ring recycling program. More than 100 inland and coastal marinas are participating in the Big Sweep fishing line recycling program.

Scan With Your Smartphone To Visit ncbigsweep.org Or Call 1-800-27-sweep.

ORDER YOUR OFFICIAL 2012 T-SHIRT TODAY!

The official Big Sweep T-shirts are AMERICAN MADE gray T-shirts with the official 2012 design shown on the front of this brochure.

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Here's The Scoop On Litter

It hurts our economy.

- ☹ Businesses don't want to locate in trashy areas.
- ☹ Tourists avoid areas where debris is an issue, resulting in a loss of tourism revenue. Many won't return with their friends.

It is a human health problem.

- ☹ Litter attracts disease-carrying mosquitoes and rodents.
- ☹ As litter decomposes, it leaches chemicals into our groundwater.

It is deadly to wildlife.

- ☹ When wildlife mistake it for food, litter can suffocate them. It can also clog their digestive tracts, causing them to slowly starve to death.
- ☹ Wildlife entangled in litter are rarely able to free themselves, and they often attract other wildlife to the same hazard.

Be The Solution!

It seems like North Carolina is plagued with litter everywhere, but you can be the solution for restoring North Carolina to a litter-free environment by participating just a few hours in the Big Sweep cleanups. If you invite your friends, you will make an even bigger difference because the more volunteers who come, the bigger the impact!

The statewide Big Sweep cleanup is held on the first Saturday in October, but some counties will be doing cleanups on other dates. Go to www.ncbigsweep.org to find out your local information. If you're not sure which county you're interested in, enter your town or zip code on the County Coordinators page on the Big Sweep website. Or call 1-800-27SWEEP for local contact info.

Other Ways To Do Your Part

- ☺ Please remember to dispose of your trash properly! Don't let your friends litter! Accidental littering is just as harmful as intentional littering.
- ☺ Help keep storm drains clean, as they lead to our waterways.
- ☺ Reduce trash by buying smart. Buy products in larger quantities and with less packaging.
- ☺ Always secure your load, whether you are in a car, truck or boat.
- ☺ Report people who litter to local law enforcement.
- ☺ Become a member—join our year-round effort to protect our environment. Please make a tax-deductible donation online at www.ncbigsweep.org or mail a donation to P.O. Box 126, Zebulon, NC 27597. Thank you so much!

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Help Keep NC Litter Free!
Visit ncbigsweep.org to volunteer.

Don't Forget These Cleanup Safety Tips

- ☑ Don't go barefoot! Wear closed-toed shoes that you won't mind getting wet or dirty.
- ☑ Take a hat or visor, insect repellent and sunscreen.
- ☑ Wear work or rubber gloves.
- ☑ Take a snack and something to drink.
- ☑ Be sure children are supervised by an adult.
- ☑ Watch out for poison ivy, poison oak and snakes.
- ☑ Avoid injured or strange-acting animals, as they may bite or be infected. Alert your Site Coordinator.
- ☑ Don't touch medical waste, chemical containers or barrels, pesticides or other dangerous items. Note their locations and tell your Site Coordinator to contact the proper authorities.
- ☑ Wear a life jacket if you're cleaning by boat.
- ☑ Don't wade into the water unless you wear a life jacket and know the depth of the water.

Thank You To Our Sponsors!

Corporate and individual donors enable us to provide cleanup supplies and support all across our state at no charge to the counties. This is important because some counties would not conduct cleanups without this help. So, please join us in thanking these wonderful sponsors:

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