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Tsunami debris drop-off sites open on coast; 211 info line opens for reporting debris

A network of 32 drop-off sites on the Oregon coast are now ready to receive beach debris washing ashore from the tsunami that struck Japan in March 2011. The drop-off sites are free and are a combination of state parks and independent recycling and transfer stations located in every county [Editors: see list attached at bottom of release]. Visitors and residents can call 211 (or 1-800-SAFENET) to report tsunami debris they see on the beach.

Schedules vary for the drop-off locations, and visitors are encouraged to visit http://www.oregon.gov/OPRD/PARKS/tsunami_debris.shtml for a digital map with complete detailed locations and hours, and a list of common questions and answers about tsunami debris.

The drop-off sites will accept debris in official beach cleanup bags produced by SOLVE. Beach clean-up bags are available at state park campgrounds (locations listed below and online at <http://oregonstateparks.org>).

- Much of the small debris is rigid foam and plastic. Don't break up the foam. Put it in the bag, and tie it shut.
- Residents and visitors who see a piece of debris too large to fit into a bag should drag it above high tide if possible, then report the date and location.
- Beach visitors who find tires, appliances or other large objects should not attempt to bring these items to the drop-off sites on their own; report them instead.
- Debris with living organisms, should be reported (with a photo if possible, location and date) then moved above high tide or removed from the beach, bagged and delivered to a drop-off site. Never move organisms to another body of water (even at home). This will reduce the threat of invasive species.

All tsunami debris reports may be submitted by email to beach.debris@state.or.us (with the location, date and a photo if possible), or by calling 211 in Oregon coastal counties. 211 is operated by a nonprofit organization under contract with the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (1-800-SAFENET is an alternate number for the same service). The 211 number can also be used to report hazardous materials on the beach—fuel drums, propane tanks, gas cans—and hazards to navigation seen offshore (such as abandoned boats and shipping containers). 211 operators will connect callers with the correct agency to complete the report. In an emergency, however, always call 911.

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department expresses deep gratitude to the Oregon Marine Debris Team (SOLVE, Oregon Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation, Sea Reach, Washed Ashore, Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition), 211info, the Oregon Refuse and Recycling Association,

and all the coast waste haulers for their immediate and helpful response to the tsunami debris problem. Oregon's public beaches are in good hands because of Oregonians like these, and the visitors and residents who will help remove debris from state beaches.

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[Attach location list, add addresses]

PARKS, north to south

All state parks will accept bagged debris during normal operating hours, seven days a week.

Fort Stevens, 100 Peter Iredale Road, Hammond, OR 97121
Nehalem Bay, 9500 Sandpiper Lane, Nehalem, OR 97131
Cape Lookout, 13000 Whiskey Creek Rd. W, Tillamook, OR 97141
Devils Lake, 1452 NE 6th St., Lincoln City, OR 97367
Beverly Beach, 198 NE 123rd Street, Newport, OR 97365
South Beach, 5580 S Coast Highway, Newport, OR 97366
Beachside, 3 miles south of Waldport, Waldport, OR 97394
Carl Washburne, 93111 Hwy 101 N, Florence, OR 97439
Jessie Honeyman, 84505 Highway 101 S, Florence, OR 97439
Umpqua Lighthouse, 460 Lighthouse Road, Winchester Bay, OR 97467
Sunset Bay, 89814 Cape Arago Hwy, Coos Bay, OR 97420-9647
Bullards Beach, 52470 Hwy 101 N., Bandon, OR 97411
Cape Blanco, 91814 Cape Blanco Rd, Port Orford, OR 97465
Humbug Mountain, 39745 Hwy. 101, Port Orford, OR 97465
Harris Beach, 1655 Hwy 101 N, Brookings, OR 97415

TRANSFER STATIONS/Other Drop-off sites, north to south

Clatsop Transfer Station, 1790 Williamsport Rd., Astoria, OR
Manzanita Transfer Station, 34995 Necarney Rd, Manzanita, OR 97130
Tillamook Transfer Station, 1315 Ekloff Rd, Tillamook, OR 97141
Nestucca Rural Fire Districts Fire Hall, Hwy 101, Neskowin, OR 97149
Pacific City Transfer Station, 38255 Brooten Rd, Pacific City, OR 97135
Schooner Creek Public Transfer Station, 367 S. Anderson Creek Rd., Lincoln City, OR 97367
North Lincoln Sanitary Service Recycling Center, 1726 SE Hwy 101, Lincoln City, OR 97367
Thompson's Transfer & Disposal, Inc., 8096 NE Avery Street, Newport, OR 97365
Toledo Transfer Station, 5441 W Hwy 20, Toledo, OR 97391
South Lincoln Recycle & Transfer Station, 235 Dahl Ave, Waldport, OR 97394
Lane County Transfer Station, 2820 N. Rhododendron Drive, Florence, OR 97439
West Coast Recycling & Transfer Station, 1210 S. Broadway Street, Coos Bay, OR 97420
Beaver Hill Disposal Site & Transfer Station, 0.25 miles s of milepost 253 on Highway 101 (13 miles south of Coos Bay), Coos Bay, OR 97420
Port Orford Transfer Station, 42750 Arizona St., Port Orford, OR 97465
Nesika Beach Transfer Station, 32450 Edson Creek Rd., Gold Beach, OR 97444

Wridge Creek Transfer Station, Wilderness Road, Brookings, OR 97415
Curry Transfer Station, 17498 Carpenterville Rd., Brookings, OR 97415

Online map: http://www.oregon.gov/OPRD/PARKS/tsunami_debris.shtml