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## **Public Invited to Participate in 2010 California Coastal Cleanup Day Events**

*Residents to clear debris from 30 sites throughout San Mateo County on Saturday, September 25*

**SAN MATEO, Calif.** – On Saturday, people of all ages can help make San Mateo County cleaner and greener by scouring beaches and watersheds during California Coastal Cleanup Day, the largest volunteer event of its kind in the state.

Families, students, service groups and neighbors will have the opportunity to help out at more than 30 cleanup locations across San Mateo County. Residents are invited to show up at any of the locations on Saturday morning at 9 a.m. to help keep the County beautiful and the marine environment healthy.

Coastal Cleanup Day is sponsored by the San Mateo Countywide Water Pollution Prevention Program and California Coastal Commission. This is the 26<sup>th</sup> year thousands of Californians will work together along beaches, shorelines and inland waterways to pick up cigarette butts, cans, bottles, plastic bags, grocery carts, old tires and other debris. Volunteers are encouraged to bring their own bucket or reusable bag, gloves, and reusable water bottle.

Last year, more than 4,200 volunteers in San Mateo County removed 44,000 pounds of trash and recyclables that would otherwise soil the County and threaten the health of wildlife. The vast majority of the debris wasn't dropped on beaches or tossed into a watershed. Most of the debris started out as garbage on urban streets and was carried by storm drains or blown by the wind. This makes it critical to clean up neighborhood streets before trash flows to the Bay and ocean.

“We are all connected to the shoreline and creek banks by storm drains,” said Ana Clayton, San Mateo County Cleanup Day Coordinator. “The storm drains whisk litter you see on the sidewalk to our waterways. Most storm drains don't flow to a sewage treatment plant. They flow to our vulnerable waterways. It's important to remember that we need to do our part and keep trash and pollutants out of storm drains before they reach the ocean and Bay.”

Volunteers are encouraged to show up at any of the following cleanup locations in San Mateo County at 9 a.m. on September 25th. Most cleanups will end by noon.

For more information about the San Mateo Countywide Water Pollution Prevention Program or cleanup sites within San Mateo County, visit [www.flowstobay.org/ccd](http://www.flowstobay.org/ccd) or call (650) 372-6214. For information on statewide locations and this year's corporate sponsors, visit the California Coastal Commission at [www.coast4u.org](http://www.coast4u.org).

## Bayside and Inland Locations

### Belmont

- **Belmont Creek:** Meet at Twin Pines, City Hall Area. 1. From 101 take the Ralston Exit and head west toward El Camino Real. 2. Make a left onto Sixth Avenue, City Hall and Twin Pines Park area located mid block behind Safeway.

### Brisbane

- **Brisbane Lagoon:** Meet at Fisherman's Park. From 101 N. exit Bayshore/Cow Palace. Turn Right on Tunnel Av.(2nd stop light). Right on Lagoon Rd. (next stop sign). Right on Serra Point Pkwy (next stop sign). Approx 500 meters down on right side. From 101 S. exit Sierra Point Pkwy, go through stop sign and park is on right hand side.

### Burlingame

- **Burlingame Bayfront:** Meet at Fisherman's Wharf, behind Embassy Suites - 150 Anza Blvd. From 101N exit Anza and go straight to the end. From 101S exit at Broadway, stay on the left lane. Turn right on Rollins Road and right on Broadway overpass. Turn right into Bayshore Hwy and then left on Airport Blvd. Drive ½ mile southbound and turn left at Anza. Go straight to the end.
- **Burlingame Bayfront Trail:** Meet behind El Torito. 1590 Bayshore Highway. From 101N take Broadway exit and stay on right lane to Airport Blvd. At stop light turn left on Bayshore Hwy and drive northbound. El Torito will be on the right hand side. From 101S take Millbrae Ave. exit. Turn left at the first stop light. Turn right on Bayshore Hwy. Site will be on the left hand side of Bayshore Hwy.

### East Palo Alto

- **San Francisquito Creek:** Meet on the corner of Manhattan Ave. & Woodland Rd.

### Menlo Park

- **Bedwell Bayfront Park:** Meet at the first parking. The park is located at the East side of Hwy 101 off Marsh Road and Bayfront Expressway.
- **San Francisquito Creek:** Meet on the corner of Manhattan Ave. & Woodland Rd.

### Redwood City

- **Redwood Village, Jefferson/James Ave., Little River Park, Hoover Park, Woodside/El Camino, Whipple/101, Union Cemetery, Port of Redwood City:** 8:30am-noon. Meet at Public Works Services- 1400 Broadway (on the corner of Woodside Road and Broadway). BBQ at noon for all participants.

### San Carlos/Redwood City

- **Cordilleras, Pulgas & Brittain Creek:** Meet in front of Redwood High: 1968 Old County Rd.

### San Mateo

- **San Mateo Bayfront (Ryder Park):** 7:30 am to noon. Meet at Ryder Park. From Hwy 101, take 3rd Ave East, follow signs to parking. BBQ, Entertainment, Prizes!
- **Coyote Point State Park:** Meet at Coyote Point Park - 1701 Coyote Point Drive. From 101S Take Poplar St. Turn right at Humbolt St. Turn right at Peninsula Ave. Continue forward through two signals into the park. From 101N Exit Peninsula Ave. Turn right at signal and left onto Airport Boulevard. Drive forward into the park.

### South San Francisco

- **Colma Creek:** Meet at 180 Utah Avenue in South San Francisco. Meet in the parking lot at 180 Utah Ave on the SW corner of Utah Ave and Harbor Way. From 101N, take the South Airport Blvd exit (Exit 424). Turn right onto South Airport Blvd. Turn left onto Utah Ave. From 101S, take South Airport Blvd exit (Exit 424). Merge onto Produce Ave. Turn a slight right onto S. Airport Blvd. Turn right to stay on S. Airport Blvd. Turn left onto Utah Ave.
- **South San Francisco Cleanup:** Meet at Bayfront Trail at the end of Haskins Way, South San Francisco. Cross street is East Grand Ave.

## Coastside Locations

### Daly City

- **Thornton State Beach:** Hwy 280 exit John Daly Blvd. west, right on Skyline Blvd., left on Olympic Way to Stables parking lot.

### Half Moon Bay

- **Pillar Point:** Meet at Pillar Point Harbor near the HMB Kayak Company. From Hwy 1, turn westbound onto Capistrano Rd. at light.
- **Poplar State Beach:** Located a half-mile west of Hwy 1 at the end of Poplar Ave. Off Hwy 1, just south of Half Moon Bay State Beach. Parking available at the bluff top parking lot.
- **Francis State Beach:** From Highway 1, turn west on Kelly Ave (south of Highway 92). Park in Francis State Beach parking lot.
- **Mirada Surf West:** Cleanup the bluff top and Surfers Beach at Mirada West in El Granada. Meet at the west side of Highway 1 at the intersection of Coronado/Highway. Park on the East side of Highway 1 and cross the street safely at the light.

### Montara

- **Montara State Beach:** We will meet in the Northern Parking lot of Montara State Beach (Not La Costanera). If you are coming from the North, it's the first turn off after the Devil's Slide. If you are coming from the South, drive past Montara and past the Outrigger and it will be the last turn off before the slide.

### Pescadero

- **Pescadero State Beach:** Off Hwy 1. Meet at the beach's northern parking lot.
- **Pistacio State Beach:** At Pigeon Pt. Rd. just north of the Pigeon Point Lighthouse off of Hwy 1.

### San Gregorio

- **San Gregorio State Beach:** Hwy 1 at Hwy 84 intersection. Meet in large parking lot - free parking for volunteers.

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