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Commissioner Buckingham Announces Results of 2024 Adopt-A-Beach Coastwide Fall Cleanup

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AUSTIN — Today, Texas Land Commissioner Dawn Buckingham, M.D. announced the results of the 2024 Adopt-A-Beach Coastwide Fall Cleanup on Saturday, September 28, 2024. This year, 7,166 volunteers participated in the cleanup to help keep Texas beaches beautiful by removing 63,647 pounds of trash from the coast.

"The Texas Coast was my home for over a decade and as Land Commissioner I am dedicated to ensuring our beautiful beaches are preserved for future generations," said Commissioner Buckingham. "It was an honor to meet some of the incredible volunteers at Galveston Beach, and I am thrilled that volunteers across the Texas coast picked up an astounding 63,647 pounds of trash. Their hard work is the foundation of the Adopt-A-Beach program. I want to thank the Adopt-A-Beach volunteers for their commitment as well as this year's state sponsors for their vital support. Together, we can keep our beaches clean, conserve important marine habitats, and strengthen our coastal communities."



Commissioner Dawn Buckingham, M.D. AAB 2024 Fall Coastwide Cleanup

This year's sponsors include the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, The Ocean Conservancy, Valero, ExxonMobil, the Texas Coastal Management Program, Flint Hills, Wild Spirit Wild Places, MTC Management & Training Corporation, SESCO Cement, and SLB.



AAB 2024 Fall Coastwide Cleanup Volunteers and Commissioner Dawn Buckingham, M.D.

The next Adopt-A-Beach cleanups are scheduled for February 7, 2025 on South Padre Island, February 8, 2025 at the Coastal Bend, April 26, 2025 Coastwide and September 20, 2025 Coastwide. To stay up-to-date on upcoming Adopt-A-Beach events, sign up for the Adopt-A-Beach <u>newsletter</u> and follow us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>X</u>, and <u>Instagram</u>.



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The Adopt-A-Beach program began in the fall of 1986 when 2,800 volunteers picked up 124 tons of trash. Since then, over 580,000 Texas Adopt-A-Beach volunteers have picked up nearly 10,000 tons of trash from Texas beaches.