



Adopt-A-Beach Program

WHAT IS ADOPT-A-BEACH?

Long Beach Parks
Recreation and Marine



El Dorado Nature Center

This conservation program is designed to motivate people of all ages to become directly involved in protecting their coastline. Our goal is to increase public awareness about marine debris and inspire both personal responsibility and community action.

CONDITIONS OF ADOPTION

1. Any individual, family, civic or non-profit organization, business, etc. is eligible to join the Adopt-A-Beach program.
2. Adopters must sign the official Long Beach Adopt-A-Beach application and agreement.
3. We encourage all groups to attend California Coastal Cleanup Day on the third Saturday in September.
4. Supplies (bags, gloves, and liability forms) will be provided.
5. Groups must notify program coordinator if there is a change to their scheduled dates at least two weeks in advance.
6. Liability sign-in sheets must be returned to the program coordinator within a week after each cleanup. Additional supplies and parking codes will not be issued until sign-in sheets are returned.
7. Adopt-A-Beach parking codes will be given to groups prior to each cleanup. Enter the parking code into the kiosk and you will receive a printed receipt. Each receipt must be displayed in the vehicle's front window and is only valid for the date and time of your cleanup. The City of Long Beach is not responsible for any violations issued if a receipt is not properly displayed in the vehicle.
8. All cleanup participants will respect our fragile, coastal habitat. Do not disturb wildlife and plants.

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PROGRAM PROCEDURES

1. Complete the Adopt-A-Beach application and return it to the program coordinator via mail, or email. A confirmation email will be sent to the group contact person when the application is received.
2. Groups will need to contact the program coordinator at least two weeks before a scheduled cleanup to arrange a date and time for supply pickup at El Dorado Nature Center.
3. Every participant at the beach cleanup must sign in on the City of Long Beach liability form. Anyone under age 18 must have an adult sign the liability form for them.
4. Before each cleanup begins the group leader will give a safety talk. A safety information sheet will be provided with the supply packet.
5. Groups will tie off all trash bags and place them in trash containers along the beach. Please make sure to not overfill containers.
6. Liability sign-in forms must be returned to the project coordinator within one week of your cleanup date.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

The Adopt-A-Beach program is facilitated by the California Coastal Commission, the City of Long Beach, and El Dorado Nature Center. If you have any questions please contact Long Beach Adopt-A-Beach Coordinator Matthew Billingham at (562) 570-1745.

You may also visit or www.coastal.ca.gov

ADOPT-A-BEACH APPLICATION

Name of Organization:

Address/P.O. Box:

City: _____

Zip: _____

Telephone #: _____

Email: _____

Number of Participants: _____

Section of Beach We Would Like to Adopt
(see map for section number): _____

Proposed Cleanup Date and Time

Please return this form to:
Adopt A Beach Coordinator
El Dorado Nature Center
7550 East Spring Street, Long Beach 90815
Matthew.billinghurst@longbeach.gov

ADOPT-A-BEACH AGREEMENT

Whereas, _____
(group name)
and the Long Beach Adopt-A-Beach Program recognizes the need and the desirability of litter-free beaches; and

Whereas, the Long Beach Adopt-A-Beach Program recognizes our group as an adopter for _____; and
(adopted section number)

Whereas, our group recognizes the potentially hazardous nature of beach cleanup activities and desires to protect the health and safety of the cleanup participants;

Now, therefore, our group agrees to inform cleanup participants of safe methods to use in carrying out beach cleaning activities; and

Further, our group is aware that during the scheduled beach cleanups, volunteers from outside our group may be assigned to our group's section of beach, and

Further, our group accepts the responsibility of caring for the beach and promoting awareness in our community of the problems of marine debris and the need for protecting coastal and ocean resources, with a cleanup on the following date:

Further, when our group does a press release or an announcement or a flyer promoting our cleanup activities, we will state that we are working on our *adopted beach* at _____ and that the collection bags and gloves are provided by the California Coastal Commission through the Parks, Recreation and Marine Department of the City of Long Beach. In addition, we will provide the phone number (562)-570-1745 for more information about the City's Adopt-A-Beach program.

Signed _____

Date _____

DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

We certify that the above group has adopted section number _____, and will conduct cleanups on the stated dates above.

Contact Name: Matthew Billingham Phone: (562) 570-1745
Agency: El Dorado Nature Center Address: 7550 E. Spring Street
City: Long Beach Zip: 90815

X _____ **Date:** _____
Signature

Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine