

MARINE INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH FLORIDA WATERWAY CLEANUP



Waterway cleanup volunteers hauling trash



Happy Girl Scout volunteers

The Department of Planning and Environmental Protection is a major sponsor of the [Marine Industries Association of South Florida's](#) (MIASF) annual waterway cleanup - an event organized by the MIASF for the past 23 years as a public awareness campaign to Keep Our Waterways Clean.

Usually held at the end of March each year, thousands of volunteers gather at several locations throughout Broward County to help clean our waterways. The March 2000 event was a success as more than 3,500 volunteers turned out to collect 68 tons of trash. Each year the number of volunteers increases and the amount of trash collected decreases (70 tons were collected in 1999), likely reflecting an overall increase in community awareness about not trashing the environment. For their efforts, volunteers receive a Waterway Cleanup T-shirt and admittance to the "Trash Bash" party following the cleanup. Students can also earn community service hours for their help.

The Waterway Cleanup is an easy way to make a visible difference in our environment and community and is an event the whole family can enjoy.

Other Community Cleanup Events:

- [Broward Beautiful: The Great Florida Cleanup](#) - Broward Beautiful is an advisory board appointed by the Broward County Commission dedicated to beautification and litter control throughout Broward County. As an official affiliate of [Keep America Beautiful, Inc.](#), Broward Beautiful participates in an annual, county-wide beautification and litter pickup that takes place every spring. For more information on this cleanup event, please call 954-519-1426 or E-mail: brwdbeauti@aol.com and visit www.keepFLbeautiful.org.
- [Ocean Watch Foundation's Annual Reef Sweep and Beach Cleanup](#) - Usually held in June each year, this event has hauled in more than seven tons of harmful garbage, collected by thousands of volunteers who have participated in the clean-up effort over the years. The day-long event includes removal of debris from Broward County's ocean environment by both scuba divers and beach walkers. Please contact Ocean Watch Foundation at 954-467-1366 or via email at info@oceanwatch.org for more information.
- [International Coastal Cleanup](#) - Broward County participates in the planet's largest volunteer cleanup effort on behalf of the marine environment each year. Sponsored by the [Center for Marine Conservation](#), the Florida Coastal Cleanup event is usually held on a Saturday in September. For information on how to participate locally, please call (954) 519-1230.