



The James River Regional Cleanup, Saturday, Sept. 12, 2015

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[Join the James River Advisory Council for a week long celebration of the James!](#)

JRAC kicked off the new year with a major change to one of its hallmark events, the James River Regional Cleanup. Since its start years ago, the cleanup has been held on the second Saturday in June. Planners decided to hold the 2014 cleanup on Sept. 13, noting overwhelming support in favor of the date change. Among reasons to change the date was event planners' recognition of the need to clean up the river at the summer's end, following its peak season for visitors and when there potentially is a greater need to clean up the river than there is in the spring.

For many years, the James River Regional Cleanup has attracted hundreds of volunteers who roam the shorelines on foot and cruise the water in boats to clean up trash, an effort that is a tremendous benefit to the river, its wildlife, and the people who visit and enjoy the river.

Plan now to help JRAC clean up the river on Saturday, Sept. 12, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at any of the numerous official cleanup sites along the James. We'll even provide lunch!

Get Involved!

- [Cleanup sites](#)
- [Directions to cleanup sites](#)

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Registration Now Open!

**27th Annual
Clean the Bay Day
Saturday, June 6, 2015
9:00 a.m.–Noon**

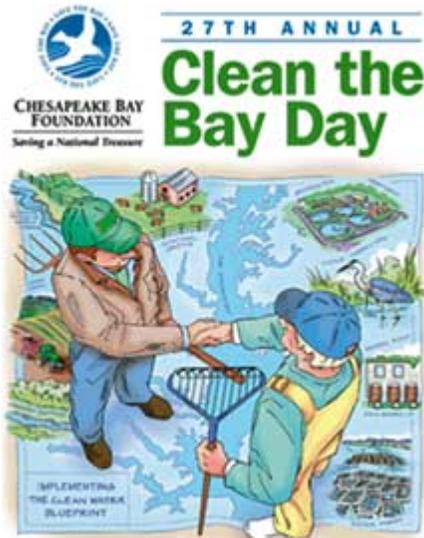
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**Some locations have different clean-up days.*

[Find a location near you](#)

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Volunteers [all over Virginia](#), from Hampton Roads to Northern Virginia, from the Eastern Shore to the Shenandoah Valley, work by land and boat to give the Bay a massive spring cleaning every year. Elected officials, their staffs, enlisted men and women, scout groups, churches, small businesses, large corporations and thousands of individuals and families will turn out for this year's *Clean the Bay Day*.

2014 *Clean the Bay Day* Results:

Approximately 6,000 volunteers removed more than 110,000 pounds of harmful debris from approximately 250 sites along more than 450 miles of streams and shoreline... all in just three hours.

Would you like to host a cleanup in your area? Becoming a partner and bringing *Clean the Bay Day* to your area has never been easier! Call or email: 757-622-1964; CTBD@cbf.org.

Clean the Bay Day is CBF's annual stream and shoreline cleanup, during which citizen volunteers come out to remove litter and debris from Virginia creeks, streams, rivers, and the Chesapeake Bay. The event, sponsored by CBF in partnership with local governments and corporate sponsors, is held the first Saturday in June. The event draws thousands of individual volunteers, families, clubs, businesses, non-profits, conservation groups, and military personnel to cleanup shorelines [across the Commonwealth](#), from Hampton Roads to Northern Virginia, the Eastern Shore to the Shenandoah Valley.

You can continue to save the Bay throughout the year by becoming a better Bay steward at home. Here are a few ideas:

1. **Speak out!** Let your voice be heard regarding important legislation affecting our Chesapeake Bay and rivers. Write or call your senators and congressional representative, urging them to vote in an environmentally responsible way.
2. **Use natural cleaners**—use natural, non-toxic, phosphate-free cleaners like baking soda or borax with hot water for most household cleaning tasks. You'll be reducing toxic chemicals in wastewater while saving money.
3. **Reduce fertilizer use**—always get a soil test first to be sure what your lawn requires; use fertilizer sparingly, and only when necessary. Excessive fertilizers contribute to nitrogen and phosphorous overload in rivers and the Bay, which can lead to low oxygen levels and dead zones.
4. **Remember "Only rain in storm drains"**—allow only rain to go down the storm drain and use a broom not a hose or power blower, to clean debris from decks, patios and driveways. You'll save water, reduce emissions, and curb stormwater runoff.
5. **Practice Bay-friendly car care**—take your vehicle to a commercial car wash or wash your car on an unpaved surface with phosphate-free soap so water soaks into the ground, not into the storm drain.
6. **Reduce rainwater runoff**—direct rainwater away from paved surfaces; direct gutter downspouts onto lawn or flower beds, or into a rain barrel.

For more ideas visit the [More Things You Can Do](#) section of this website.

If you would like more information about *Clean the Bay Day*, including sponsorship opportunities, please send an e-mail to CTBD@cbf.org.