



# 2025 CLEANUPS

In 2025, 2,414 volunteers picked up 11,541 pounds of trash at 98 cleanups at beaches, lakes, and parks inland and along the coastline across Connecticut and New York.



“Cleanups like these have many environmental benefits, such as removing items that can leach chemicals into the ground and our waterways and preventing discarded fishing lines from entangling wildlife. **It has a real impact, brings people together, and encourages good stewardship of our region.**”

- Annalisa Paltauf, Save the Sound cleanup coordinator

Most common trash types  
collected by our volunteers in 2025:

18,321  
cigarette  
butts!



10,741  
food  
wrappers!

12,718  
bottle  
caps!



8,067  
small plastic  
pieces!



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