ISLANDS CLEANUP

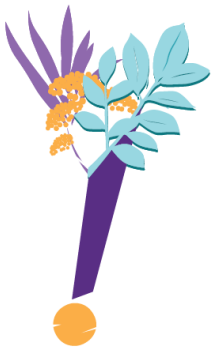
CLEANUP GUIDELINES/CHECKLIST

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING FOR CLEANUP ACTIVITIES.

PLEASE FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE GUIDELINES WHEN ORGANISING CLEANUPS.

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Checklist for equipment needed

☐ Sieves

☐ Litter pickers

☐ Rakes

☐ Shovels

☐ Buckets – to gather the collected waste during the clean-up

☐ Items to divide the area into transects of approximately 10 metres each

☐ Weighing scales (to weigh the final amount of litter collected from each waste stream)

☐ First aid box

☐ Bags for general waste – Black

☐ Bags for recyclable waste/plastic – green or grey

☐ Bags for glass – transparent

☐ Reusable gloves for participants to use during the clean-up

☐ Bins to collect the five waste streams

It is of utmost that all collected waste is weighed and the corresponding data is submitted to MEER by email. The waste must be properly segregated into five separate waste streams:

- Cigarette butts
- Recyclable waste
- Microplastics – very small pieces of plastic measuring approximately 5 mm
- Bulky waste
- Other waste – waste that does not fall into the categories above

You are also kindly requested to enter your data using the following link: https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/3a92e8a9a947454d89a6013818a3bc50

Personal Attire

- Comfortable, protective clothing
- Reusable gloves
- Closed-toe shoes (no flip-flops or bare feet)
- Wide-brimmed hat or cap
- Sunglasses
- Sunblock for sun protection
- Personal hand sanitiser
- Reusable water bottle

Permits and Important Documents

☐ Local council permit

☐ Environment and Resources Authority (ERA) permit (not all areas require a permit; inform ERA of the area you will be cleaning, and they will advise you)

☐ Malta Tourism Authority (MTA) permit (not all areas require a permit; inform MTA of the area you will be cleaning, and they will advise you). A permit from MTA is required for clean-ups on Blue Flag beaches between June and September.

☐ Arrangements to ensure that all collected waste is disposed of correctly

Contact Details

Organisation	Email address	Telephone	Notes
ERA Permitting Department	nature.permitting@era.org.mt	22923500	
MTA	beaches.mta@visitmalta.com john.vassallo@visitmalta.com	22915000	
Majjistral Park	darren@majjistral.org info@majjistral.org	21521291	If the beach clean-up is to take place at Golden Bay, permission is needed from Majjistral Park.
Ministry for Energy, the Environment and the Regeneration of the Grand Harbour (MEER)	infoscu.meer@gov.mt	23316202	

Guidelines for setting up beach clean-ups

Waste is separated into five categories:	
No.	**Waste category**
1	Cigarette butts
2	Microplastics
3	Mixed recyclables
4	Bulky waste
5	Other waste

1. Set up numbered transects 10 m apart, or approximately 30 steps apart. It is important to cover as much of the bay as possible.
2. Volunteers should clean the areas between the numbered transects.
3. Use appropriate waste-collection tools: gloves, litter pickers, refuse bags, rakes, spades, sieves, and buckets.
4. Empty collected waste into the bins near the end of each transect. Provide separate bins for microplastics, cigarette butts, recyclable waste, and other waste.
5. Empty the bins regularly and weigh the waste, or weigh each waste stream separately at the end of the clean-up.
6. Use ERA's web-based data-submission service to enter the amount of waste collected: https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/3a92e8a9a947454d89a6013818a3bc50
7. In addition to using this system, please email us the date, time, location, and amount of waste collected. Include photographs of the clean-up.
8. Participants are encouraged to complete the *Saving Our Blue* pledge to show their support for this initiative: https://sustainability.gov.mt/en/decc/Pages/environment/savingOurBluePledge.aspx

9. Photographs from the cleanup and the amount of waste collected will also be shared on the *Saving Our Blue* Facebook page, and your company will be tagged.

