

**Summary of Marine Debris Cleanup at Marsh Island, Fairhaven, MA
November 1 – 5, 2025**

Total Weight of Debris 24,724.8 pounds

Total Number of Volunteers 194 volunteers

Total Hours of Volunteers 878.5 hours

Value of volunteer labor* \$ 36,897

** The value of a volunteer hour in Massachusetts is reported at \$42 for 2024
(Independent Sector.org)*

2 Major Types of Trash: Treated Wood 13,788.7 lbs (includes pilings and docks)
Plastic 10,385 lbs (excludes tires, glass, metal)

<u>Top 10 items by Weight</u>	<u>Weight (lbs)</u>
1 Treated wood (e.g., pilings, docks)	13,789
2 Non-descript trash	7,116
3 Non-descript - film plastic	544
4 Foam (various)	488
5 Fish related (rope, twine, etc.)	473
6 Oil boom	450
7 Rigid plastics	390
8 Beverage bottles (plastic)	288
9 Tires	253
10 Water bottles	168

<u>Sorted Materials</u>	<u>Pounds (lbs)</u>
Barrels (fishing)	41.0
bedding	24.9
Bottle caps	42.3
bottles - bev non-water	69.7
bottles - glass	47.1
bottles - nips	70.8
bottles - sports drink	50.2
bottles - water	167.9
bottles/jugs - dtgt/bleach	27.9
Bottles/jugs - milk	13.3
bottles/jugs - oil/lube	23.8
buoys	2.2
cans - aerosol	19.6
cans - beverage	43.0
clothing/shoes	102.4

construction - rigid plastic	188.1	
cup lids	5.7	
cups - foam/pieces	11.9	
cups - plastic/"paper"	29.5	
cutlery	0.2	
Dock material - encapsulated foam blocks	126.0	
non-descript - film plastic (aka Trash)	544.2	
non-descript - glass pieces	155.4	
non-descript - metal	75.7	
non-descript - rigid plastic >1"	202.1	
Fishing - lures	1.7	
Fishing related (rope, twine, etc)	472.7	
foam - mixed	344.8	
foam - white "cooler"	5.3	
food containers	11.4	
food wrappers	31.0	
Gloves	40.7	
light bulbs	4.6	
lighters	14.2	
lobster trap ID tags	0.9	
oil boom	450.1	
oil rags	28.4	
personal hygiene	17.8	
poles	6.2	
rugs	23.5	
shock tubing	1.9	
shotgun shells/wadding	3.1	
smoking - all but lighters	5.1	
Strapping bands	4.8	
straws/stirrers	4.6	
syringes	2.0	
Tires	252.5	
toys	8.4	
Trash Bag/s (1)	6,767.0	
Trash Bag/s (2)	348.5	
Treated wood (e.g., pilings, docks)	13,788.7	
Total Weight of Debris	24,724.8	pounds

This shoreline cleanup was a collaboration between the Center for Coastal Studies, Buzzards Bay Coalition, Operation Clean Sweep, Fairhaven-Acushnet Land Preservation Trust, Be the Solution to Pollution, and the municipalities of New Bedford and Fairhaven. Funding was provided by a Southern New England Environmental Program Watershed Implementation Grant awarded to Center for Coastal Studies to conduct marine debris cleanups on inhabited and uninhabited islands in southern Massachusetts.