

# OPERATION SPLASH



## Leading the way for clean waters, beaches, and bays!

Operation SPLASH is a volunteer-based nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting Long Island's south shore waters through cleanup efforts, education programs, and environmental advocacy. Since 1990, our volunteers have removed more than 3 million pounds of debris from our beaches and waterways.

Whether it's joining a cleanup crew or rethinking the way you throw away trash at home, there are so many ways to contribute to the SPLASH mission. Scan the QR code below with your phone camera and visit us online to learn more about how you can become a part of the solution to waterfront pollution!

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## SIX WAYS TO SAVE THE BAYS

Everyday actions can become permanent threats to the environment - but there are simple solutions that reduce your impact!

### BRING YOUR OWN BAGS

Single-use plastic bags look like a tasty jellyfish to a hungry sea turtle. Switch to reusable bags and keep them in your car for shopping trips!

### ONE BOTTLE TO REPLACE THEM ALL

Our volunteers pulled more than 25,000 plastic water bottles out of the bays in 2021 alone. Bring your total down to one with a refillable bottle!

### DO GARBAGE DAY THE RIGHT WAY

Do you know which items shouldn't go in the regular garbage or recycling? Learn about what your town collects on recycling day and where you can dispose of hazardous trash such as electronics, paint, and aerosols.

### RETHINK THE FERTILIZER

Certain lawn and garden products contain nitrogen and phosphorous, which wash into our storm drains and waterways when it rains. These nutrients can cause toxic algae blooms that threaten marine life and beaches.

### KEEP THOSE BALLOONS TIED DOWN

Balloon releases are one of the most unnecessary contributions to marine pollution. Keep them secured at your next party to protect wildlife!

### JOIN THE SPLASH CREW

Become a part of the solution to waterfront pollution by volunteering on a SPLASH cleanup boat!