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## Metropolitan Water Reclamation District to participate in Montrose Beach Sweep Cleanup Sept. 15

As part of a global effort to clean coastal areas sponsored by The Ocean Conservancy, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) will be joining the Sierra Club's Fall Sweep and Trail Clean Up event at Montrose Beach this Saturday, Sept. 15 from 9 a.m. to noon.

This September, Montrose Beach Sweep is celebrating 27 years of international coastal clean-ups. Over 300 participants are expected, but there is always room for more volunteers who will collect and catalogue all debris. The data will be submitted to the Ocean Conservancy for analysis of the cleanliness of the world's water and beaches.

Beginning at 9 a.m., the Sierra Club will provide a quick overview of their work on water issues in the Chicago area, and tours of the natural areas at Montrose will be given throughout the morning. As part of a trail maintenance project, volunteers will also mulch trails in the upland bird sanctuary. Participants are invited to complete the MWRD's water environment pledge for a chance to win a free rain barrel.

Organizers recommend wearing a hat and sunscreen and bringing a filled water bottle and work gloves. Montrose Beach is accessible by bus, foot, bicycle, roller blades and car, and bike racks are available at the beach house. Participants should look for Sierra Club banners and/or tents near the east end of the big white beach house. Additional information about the Beach Sweep can be found at [sierraclub.org](http://sierraclub.org).

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