

# **Park Board Beach Maintenance Policy**

The Galveston Park Board provides seaweed maintenance and trash removal services at Galveston's Seawall Urban Park (between 10th and 103rd streets) and at Park Board-managed facilities, including: R.A. Apffel Park (East Beach), Stewart Beach, Dellanera RV Park and the three West End County Pocket Parks.

The Park Board provides litter and emergency debris removal at all West End beach access points.

Trash can collection duties at West End beach access points are split between the Park Board and the City of Galveston. (Refer to page 2)

### WHAT IS SEAWEED?

Seaweed, also known as gulfweed or sargassum, is a free-floating algae found in warm coastal waters. Seaweed provides an essential habitat for a wide variety of marine animals in the open ocean as well as onshore for animals like sea turtles and marine birds.

### WHEN IS SEAWEED SEASON?

Seaweed season on the Gulf Coast fluctuates as Mother Nature sees fit. However, seaweed typically washes up on Galveston's beaches May through July.

#### WHY DOESN'T THE PARK BOARD REMOVE SEAWEED?

Seaweed has many environmental benefits, including helping to retain sand on Galveston's beaches and providing an environment for natural dune formations. Park Board crews push seaweed away from the shoreline to provide easy access to the Gulf for beach-goers.

#### WHEN ARE PARK BOARD SEAWEED MAINTENANCE CREWS ON THE BEACH?

Seaweed maintenance crews operate as needed depending on seaweed levels, which can be daily during peak season. For safety reasons, the crews operate at low-traffic times for the beach parks, typically after 9 p.m. through early morning.

# IF I REPRESENT A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION OR RESIDENCE CAN I CLEAN MY OWN BEACH?

Homeowner associations or residents may contract with private companies for seaweed maintenance needs after obtaining proper permits from the City of Galveston. For more information, <u>click here</u>.

PARK BOARD WEST END TRASH COLLECTION PICK-UP POINTS

#### PARK BOARD OF TRUSTEES PICK-UP POINTS

Park Board will collect trash cans and hand-pick litter at on the following west end beach access points. Seaweed maintenance will be maintained at all paid parks.

- 1. End of Seawall
- 2. Sunny Beach Subdivision
- 3. 10-Mile Rd/Hershey Beach
- 4. Bermuda Beach
- 5. 11-Mile Road
- 6. 13-Mile Road
- 7. 15-Mile Road
- 8. 16-Mile Road
- 9. Gateway Boulevard Sea Isle Subdivision
- 10. San Jacinto Street Sea Isle Subdivision
- 11. Gulf Boulevard, Isla del Sol Subdivision
- 12. Terramar Drive, Terramar Beach Subdivision
- 13. 2nd Street, Bay Harbor Subdivision
- 14. Miramar Subdivision
- 15. Half Moon Beach Subdivision and Stavanger Beach Subdivision
- 16. Salt Cedar Avenue
- 17. Point San Luis 4

#### Parks:

- 1. Dellanera RV Park
- 2. Pocket Park #1
- Pocket Park #2, Escapes! Condominiums
- 4. Pocket Park #3

## CITY OF GALVESTON WEST END TRASH COLLECTION PICK-UP POINTS

The City of Galveston will collect beach trash cans two times per week (Monday and Friday). Any concerns relating to pick-up at these points should be directed to the City of Galveston.

- Beachside Village Subdivision
- 2. Hershey Beach Subdivision
- 3. Spanish Grant Subdivision
- 4. Pirate's Beach
- 5. Palm Beach Subdivision
- 6. Pirates Beach West Subdivision
- 7. Karankawa Beach
- 8. Indian Beach
- 9. Kahala Beach Estates, Addition #1
- 10. Silverleaf Resorts
- 11. The Dunes of West Beach
- 12. Sandhill Shores
- 13. "Sea Isle" Parking Area
- 14. Sea Isle Subdivision and Terramar Beach Subdivision

- 15. Isla del Sol Subdivision
- 16. Pocket #4
- 17. Playa San Luis Subdivision
- 18. Pointe San Luis 1 (Western Boundary of Playa San Luis Subdivision)
- 19. Pointe San Luis 2
- 20. Pointe San Luis 3