

3/4 of a ton of trash removed from Tahoe beaches

Volunteers picked up 1,458 pounds of trash from Lake Tahoe beaches on July 5.

It took 499 people to remove the litter left behind from those spending July 4 here.

Cleanup participants gathered at five locations around Lake Tahoe, and together removed litter from six miles of shoreline, including Commons Beach in Tahoe City, Kings Beach, Kiva Beach, Nevada Beach and Regan Beach on the South Shore.

Volunteers sorted and counted the items collected.

Single-use plastics were the most commonly-found trash item, along with 8,061 cigarette butts and 18,235 pieces of plastic, which includes cups, lids, bottle caps and food wrappers.