



Adopt-a-Beach™ Equipment Checklist

Contact the Alliance for the Great Lakes if you have questions:

adoptabeach@greatlakes.org or 312-939-0838 ext. 227

✓	Item	Description
<input type="checkbox"/>	Routine Visit Form (completed during each visit)	All Adopt-a-Beach™ forms and instructions can be found in PDF documents at www.greatlakes.org/adoptabeachforms .
<input type="checkbox"/>	Litter Monitoring Form (completed during each visit)	All Adopt-a-Beach™ forms and instructions can be found in PDF documents at www.greatlakes.org/adoptabeachforms .
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adopt-a-Beach™ Guide	Instructions for Routine Visit Form and Litter Monitoring Form.
<input type="checkbox"/>	A sign-in sheet for your team members	Use Alliance liability waiver sign-in sheet. Please send in your sign-in sheet to your state Adopt-a-Beach™ coordinator.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Petri film plates, sample bags & pipettes	Alert your state Adopt-a-Beach™ coordinator of your visit dates to receive a test kit in time for your visit.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Resealable baggie	To store your Petri film during incubation.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sampling pole or waders	Use this to take a water sample. Sampling pole ideas: fishing pole, other pole with alligator clips to hold the water sample bag.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Thermometer	Should be able to be used for both air and water temperature. Please do not use mercury thermometers.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Measuring tape or meter stick	Another option is to mark a piece of rope to measure one meter.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Floatable object to measure longshore current	The object should be biodegradable such as driftwood.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Clipboards	You can make your own clipboards by using a firm piece of cardboard with a paper clip to hold your paper.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pencils/pens	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gloves	Participants can bring them from home, may be donated from restaurant supply companies or the coordinator can provide disposable gloves.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Scale to weigh trash	A bathroom scale or a fish scale.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Calculator	To tally your results. If you forget your calculator most cell phones now have Calculator feature in them.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Recyclable blue bags (if applicable in your community)	If not used in your community, separate recyclables to dispose of properly.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Trash bags	You can also use plastic grocery bags.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Camera	Send photographs or digital images to: adoptabeach@greatlakes.org
<input type="checkbox"/>	Watch with a second hand	Some cell phones have a stopwatch feature that could be used if such a watch is not available.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other suggested items	First aid kit, sunscreen, close toed shoes, sweater if appropriate (it's always cooler by the lake than it is inland).