



# Using the Clean Swell App

Partners for Clean Streams is proud to partner with the Ocean Conservancy to bring you the Clean Swell App.

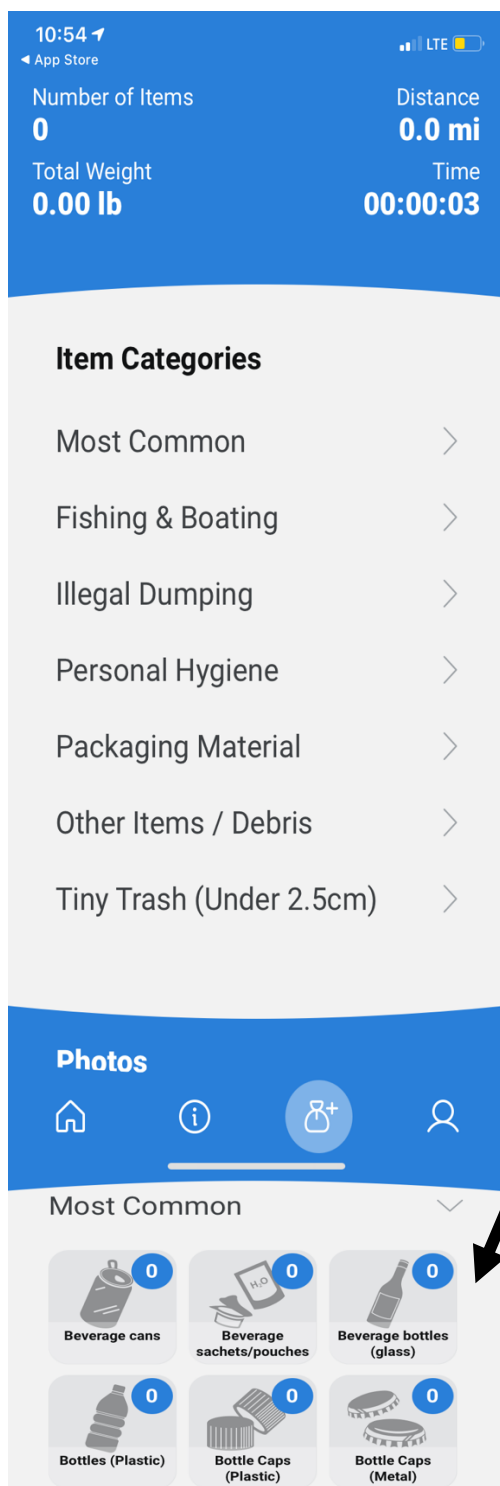
Clean Swell is a phone app version of a data card. It lets you track the marine debris on your smart phone with a simple tap of a tile. The app records the amount of trash you have removed, estimates pounds of trash, tracks your total distance cleaned, and lets you earn badges as you collect.

## Before your clean-up:

1. Download Clean Swell from the Google Play Store or Apple App Store.
2. Create a profile.

## When you're ready to begin your clean-up:

1. Open the app on-site of your cleanup so it can detect your location.
2. Select "Start a new cleanup" on the home screen.
3. Share the number of people participating.
4. Name your group "**CYS26 – YourGroupName.**" You should still type your name here if you're an individual or a family. Otherwise, PCS can't credit you!
5. As you pick up pieces of trash, tap the corresponding button on the screen.
  - If you need to remove an item you marked by mistake, scroll down to toggle removing/adding items.
6. Once you've finished your clean-up, select "Finish this cleanup" at the bottom of the screen.
7. Review your information and feel free to add comments on how your clean-up went.
  - Make sure to submit your data before you leave your clean-up site. Otherwise, the app will continue to note your location and think you were cleaning during your entire walk or drive back home!
8. Clean Swell will send a thank-you email to the address you provided, and your data will now appear as part of the Ocean Conservancy's marine debris database.





# Clean Swell FAQ

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**Q: What does “create a profile” mean? Does this app share my information?**

A: Creating a profile just gives you a way to log in to the app. Clean Swell does not share your email address or send you spam. In fact, Partners for Clean Streams never sees the email address you provide, so the only way we know who cleaned up is how you name your group. (e.g. CYS365 – YourGroupName)

**Q: I found 100 cigarette butts. Do I really need to tap this tile 100 times?**

A: Not to worry! You can add multiple items at a time by tapping and holding a tile. A window will pop up that allows you to input a specific number. If you toggle removing/adding items, you can also tap and hold to mass-remove items.

**Q: I found something unusual that isn’t listed on a tile. How do I record this?**

A: Tap the tile in the lower right corner called “Other Trash.” Once you’ve finished your cleanup and selected “Done Collecting” at the bottom of the screen, leave a comment detailing the unusual items you found. Edit the calculated total weight of your trash if needed. (See below.)

**Q: I found a really big item that isn’t listed on a tile. Can I edit the weight of my trash?**

A: Clean Swell automatically estimates the weight of your trash based on the items you select. However, you can easily edit the number of pounds of trash on the “Review Your Cleanup” screen. For example, if you cleaned up an orange construction barrel, you should add 10 pounds to the calculated weight.

**Q: I saw there was a place to upload photos of the trash I picked up. Should I use that feature?**

A: Feel free! However, Partners for Clean Streams cannot see any pictures you submit. If you want to share a photo, it’s better to post it on Twitter, Instagram, or Facebook and tag us @PCSMaumee, and include the hashtag #cleanyourstreams419. We also encourage you to email us at [admin@partnersforcleanstreams.org](mailto:admin@partnersforcleanstreams.org) with any cool pictures or descriptions of unusual items you found. When you email, please tell us the name of your group and the date of your cleanup.

**Q: What happens if my phone dies mid-cleanup?**

A: Once you get a chance to charge your phone and open the app again, you’ll see a prompt that says, “You have an unfinished clean-up from [Date.] Would you like to submit that data?” At that time, you’ll have a chance to add and/or edit data, then submit.

**Q: Is Clean Swell the same as the paper data cards?**

A: Partners for Clean Streams uses both paper data cards and Clean Swell to measure our positive impact on our waterways. Both are good ways to submit data to the largest marine debris database out there! There are benefits and drawbacks to each method. For example, Clean Swell is convenient when you’re on the go, but data cards make it easier to list unusual items found during a cleanup. Which you use is up to personal preference. You can print a data card from [www.PartnersForCleanStreams.org](http://www.PartnersForCleanStreams.org).