

Other steps to take

Become a volunteer

The complex nature of oil cleanup, as well as health and safety concerns, significantly limit the role of volunteers. Volunteers will not participate in any activity directly contacting oil-contaminated materials, but can perform a number of valuable jobs.

Register with Volunteer Florida

If you want to volunteer, register by going online at www.volunteerfloridadisaster.org, even if you're already a member of another volunteer organization. Volunteer Florida is the state designated coordinator and will distribute information.

Once you register, Volunteer Florida will provide a list of local organizations.

For Sarasota County volunteer opportunities, go to the Friendship Volunteer Center website at www.FriendshipVolunteer.com

Get informed

Visit the Sarasota County website at www.scgov.net to get the latest local information, download resources and get state situation reports.

Go to www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com to learn more about the oil spill and response efforts.

Contact your Congressmen and Senators.

Urge them to fully mobilize federal resources and to assure full compensation by BP for clean-up and related costs.

Online resources

Sarasota County website
www.scgov.net/oilspill

Deepwater Horizon Response
www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com

US Environmental Protection Agency Response
www.epa.gov/bpspill/

NOAA Deepwater Website
www.deepwaterhorizon.noaa.gov

Florida Deepwater Horizon Response
www.dep.state.fl.us/deepwaterhorizon/

Mote Marine Lab Beach Conditions
www.mote.org/beaches

Florida Air Quality Monitoring
www.airnow.gov

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WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP!

How is Sarasota County responding to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill?

Sarasota County has organized an emergency response team to monitor and respond to any threat from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. So far, no oil or oil spill residue has reached county beaches, waterways or estuaries.

How does the situation in Sarasota County differ from conditions in the Florida Panhandle?

Any oil residue that eventually reaches Sarasota County will be significantly different from the oil affecting the Panhandle area. This area would primarily have small balls of tar that are easily removed.

Sarasota County is taking precautions

Sarasota County is actively monitoring the situation coordination with BP, Florida agencies, the U.S. Coast Guard, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the U.S Fish and Wildlife Commission. BP and those agencies are directing response and clean-up activities.



www.scgov.net/oilspill

What should I do if I see oil?

If you see oil that has reached Sarasota County beaches, riversides, or coastal mangrove and marsh areas:

- **Contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 861-5000.**
- **Note the location and nearby landmarks so you can give a physical description of the material you saw and its location.**

The information will be relayed to federal and state response agencies.

Call the state oil warning number at **1-866-448-5816.**

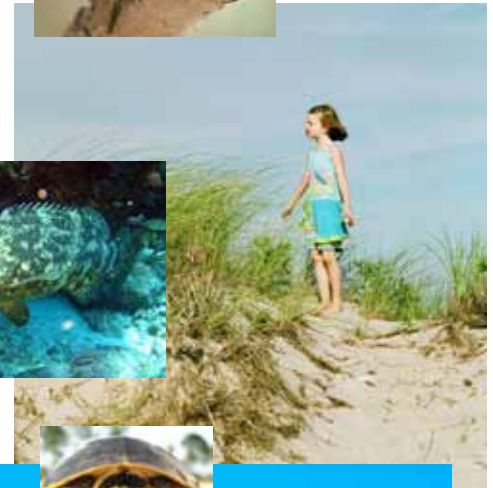
What should I do if I see oil-covered wildlife

- **Contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 861-5000.**
- **Report injured or oiled-covered wildlife by calling 1-866-557-1401.**

What shouldn't I do?

- **Don't collect oil material or tar balls.**
- **Don't catch or restrain oil-covered wildlife.**
- **Don't handle oil or oil substances.**

In the event of skin contact, wash with soap and large amounts of water. Remove contaminated clothing. If symptoms of irritation occur, call your doctor. For any other health related concerns, call **1-800-222-1222.**



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