



OIL SPILL RELIEF MATERIALS DRIVE: PURPOSE AND INSTRUCTIONS

The Gulf of Mexico (Gulf) oil spill is now the largest environmental disaster the United States has ever faced. In an effort to clean up the oil in an eco-friendly way [Matter of Trust](#) has created a program for the collection of human hair, animal fur, and other oil soaking materials to be used in the creation of booms. These booms are used to absorb the oil and disposed.

In an effort to support Matter of Trust's program, Save-A-Pet is leading area residents and businesses in the effort to collect oil soaking materials and nylons. These materials will be sent to the Gulf where they will be used to create the booms. For more information on Matter of Trust's effort please view this [video](#).

COLLECTION:

Save-A-Pet will be collecting fur from the current residents. **All area residents and businesses are welcome to participate in this materials drive as well.** Collection is currently scheduled to take place through the end of July.

The following materials are acceptable for this drive:

- Human Hair (from head only)
- Animal Fur & Hair
- Alpaca Fleece
- Feathers
- Nylons

Please follow the instructions below to begin collecting:

1. Use a box for collection & line the box with a plastic garbage bag. **For smaller/individual donations, please collect the hair, fur, etc. in a secure zip-lock bag.**
2. Sweep in the hair, fur, fleece, or feathers.
 - Ideally, all donations should be shampooed.
 - Any length is fine.
 - "Dread locks" should be collected separately.
 - No other garbage should be collected with the donations--especially sharp materials.
3. Nylons should be collected in a separate bin.
 - Nylons with runs WILL be accepted.
 - All nylons should be either new or washed before donating.
4. Once the box or zip-lock bag is ready for collection, please mark it "DEBRIS FREE HAIR" or "NYLONS" and tape it up completely so it is secure.
5. Deliver the box to Save-A-Pet (31664 North Fairfield Rd. Grayslake, IL) or [sign up with Matter of Trust](#) to coordinate collection and delivery directly.
6. We ask that in addition to the materials donation participants consider donating \$1 or more to assist with shipping costs. All donations received in excess of incurred shipping costs will be released to Save-A-Pet.

Reminder: for single donations, you can collect the hair or fur in a secure zip-lock bag.

Thanks so much!