

# NEWS ALERT



## The Bio-'Logical' Way to Clean Up Coastline Oil Spills



What do you usually do on the third Saturday in September? You may be one of hundreds of thousands of volunteers banding together to tidy local beaches on [International Coastal Cleanup\\*](#) Day. While this usually focuses on trash collection, it is also a good opportunity to think about smarter ways to clean up hydrocarbon contaminated shores and coastal waters.



From major offshore disasters to simple motorboat fuel leaks, oil spills make beaches and shorelines unpleasant—even unusable—for flora, fauna, and humans—which is why speedy and thorough remediation is ideal. While many pathways to remediation exist, taking the more natural route suggested by [Bionetix® International](#) makes a lot of sense.

### How to Clean Up Oil Spills with the Power of Nature



Incineration and synthetic dispersants are two oil spill cleanup methods that can cause secondary contamination problems. A more logical approach is harnessing the natural ability of microorganisms to consume hydrocarbons. In nature, this may take many years, but bioremediation can speed up the process in a matter of months.



Bionetix® offers several great nature-based hydrocarbon-degrading bioremediation technologies. [BIOSURF™](#) contains natural, biodegradable surfactants that help disperse oil slicks on water and beaches. This makes contaminants more bioavailable to hydrocarbon-eating microorganisms like those in [BCP35S™](#) (formulated for soil and beach applications) and [BCP35M™](#) (formulated for marine and freshwater environments). In multiple trials, such biological treatments have significantly reduced hydrocarbons in a relatively short period of time, a feature that allows for in situ cleanup without introducing harsh chemicals or smoke into sensitive environments.

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## Get Ready for Coastal Cleanup!

With coastal cleanup in the spotlight, now is a great time to start exploring enhanced approaches to keeping our beaches and waters clean. Harnessing the power of nature with biological treatments makes a lot of sense, whether or not you start doing so on the third Saturday in September or the first Monday in May. [Contact Bionetix® International to learn more about creating a bio-"logical" action plan to keep your shores cleaner!](#)

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