Once You Shuck ‘Em, Don’t Just Chuck ‘Em.

Local restaurants are becoming members to help restore our coast.

Now, it’s your turn to support them.

CRCL is fighting coastal land loss, one shell at a time.

Step 1: Eat
Served on the half shell, chargrilled, or fried, the city serves up millions of the delectable bottom-dwellers each year, to locals and tourists alike.

Step 2: Recycle
After consumption, participating restaurants store the oyster shells in recycling bins provided by CRCL. Periodically, contractors collect these shells for their next journey.

Step 3: Restore
100% of the shell will be returned to Louisiana waters to help restore oyster reefs, create fish habitat, and stabilize our coastline.

The Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana is the longest standing state-wide, non-partisan, non-profit organization whose mission is to drive bold, science-based action to rebuild Coastal Louisiana through outreach, restoration and advocacy.

Visit crcl.org to find out more or to volunteer with us for an oyster shell bagging event. This is a great way for you to be even more involved in building living shorelines.

Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana’s Oyster Shell Recycling Program

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Our Partners
WHY RECYCLE SHELLS?

Louisiana produces approximately 1/3 of the nation’s oysters. Sadly, most of the shells are disposed of in landfills instead of being returned to the water - bad news for baby oysters, which need a hard surface on which to grow into a healthy reef.

CRCL has collected more than 3,000 tons of shells. Shell that was destined for the landfill will instead help to restore our coast and protect our city.

OYSTER REEFS ARE LIVING SHORELINES.

As living shorelines, oyster reefs help improve water quality, provide fishing habitat, support the local economy, and most importantly helps slow shoreline erosion by buffering against heavy wave action.

One CRCL bin can recycle up to 182,000 shells per year. Oyster shells once wasted are now destined to return to Louisiana’s coastal waters. They will help restore oyster reefs, create fish habitat, and stabilize our coastline.

We have already built our first half-mile of oyster reef – using 1.7 million pounds of oyster shell collected from New Orleans restaurants – in Biloxi Marsh in 2016. With the success of our first reef, we have more planned for the future.

PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS

- Two Girls One Shuck: Traveling Oyster Bar	
twooystershuck.com
- Elysian Seafood	2381 St. Claude Ave.
eylsianseafood.com
- Arnaud’s	813 Bienville St.
arnaudsrestaurant.com
- Remoulade	309 Bourbon St.
remoulade.com
- Bourbon House	144 Bourbon St.
bourbonhouse.com
- Desire Oyster Bar	300 Bourbon St.
sonestab.com
- Restaurant R’evolution	777 Bienville St.
revolutionnola.com
- Drago’s Seafood Restaurant	2 Poydras St.
dragosrestaurant.com
- Red Fish Grill	115 Bourbon St.
redfishgrill.com
- Borgne	601 Loyola Ave.
borgnerestaurant.com
- Compère Lapin	535 Tchoupitoulas St.
comperelapin.com
- Gallier’s Restaurant and Oyster Bar	129 Carondelet St.
gallier.com
- Pêche	800 Magazine St.
pecherestaurant.com

UPTOWN/IRISH CHANNEL

- Cooter Brown’s Tavern and Oyster Bar	509 S. Carrollton Ave.
cooterbrowns.com
- Tracey’s Original Irish Channel Bar	2604 Magazine St.
traceysnola.com
- Superior Seafood and Oyster Bar	4338 St Charles Ave.
superiorseafoodnola.com