



How to use this document

After your litter survey, take your rubbish to a safe and sheltered location to audit. Categorise your litter according to the categories below, copying the appropriate fields over to your **Audit Data** sheet and recording the count and weight as you go.

Health & Safety

Important instructions for some litter categories. Look for the icons below in the **H&S** column and follow instructions during your audit.




Take extra caution. Only adults to touch.



Biohazard: Only count, do not weigh. Only trained leaders to touch.

Code	Plastic	H&S	Notes & Examples
PL24.14	Bacterial habitat wheels		
PL13	Baskets, crates & trays		Includes fish bins
PL01	Bottle caps & lids		Toothpaste caps, nozzles, tops
PL01.01	Bottle neck rings		Milk bottle rings
PL01.02	Bottle seals & tabs		
PL02	Bottles <= 2 L		
PL03	Bottles, drums, jerrycans & buckets > 2 L		
PL24.06	Cable ties & zip ties		
PL10	Cigarette lighters		Vapes, vaping devices
PL11	Cigarettes, butts & filters		Butts, filters
PL24.03	Clothes pegs		
PL12.1	Cosmetics and medical packaging		Inhalers, cosmetics, pill packets, condom wrappers, chapstick. Excludes syringes
PL05	Drink package rings		Six-pack rings, ring carriers
PL22	Fibreglass fragments		
PL17	Fishing gear		Plastic lures, traps & pots, glow sticks, knife handles, sniffers, burley pots, berley pots, light sticks, cyalume sticks
PL18	Fishing line		Monofilament line & braid
PL20	Fishing net		
PL06	Food containers		Fast food, cups, lunch boxes, bread bag tags, coffee cups & lids, plastic fish, soy sauce packets, condiment packets
PL07.01	Food wrappers		Candy, muesli bars, candies, lolly wrappers, fruit sticker
PL24.07	Gardening & farming related		Plant bags & pots, hose, plastic pipes, plant label, weed matting, vine ties, tubes, esophagus clip, oesophagus clip, bolus, drench capsule, capsules
PL09	Gloves		
PL24.11	Hangers & retail packaging		Retail packets, coat hangers, barcodes, tags, RFID, hooks, labels, silica pouches, gel sachet
PL24.04	Lollipop sticks		Lolly stick
PL15	Mesh bags		Vegetable, oyster nets & mussel bags, nets, netting, fruit, elasticated mesh
PL24.10	Parking tickets & receipts		Wristbands
PL24.02	Pens & Stationery		Plastic pencils, glue sticks, binders, folders, laminating sheets, clips, vivids

PL07	Plastic bags		Includes opaque & clear bags, ziplock bags
PL14	Plastic buoys		Includes floats, mussel buoys, fishing buoys
PL16	Plastic sheeting		Tarpaulins, pallet wrap, weed matting, silage wrap, sacks, baleage wrap, haylage wrap, bubble wrap, shrink wrap
PL04	Plastic utensils		Knives, forks, spoons, stirrers, cutlery, plastic chopsticks
PL24.09	Plastic vehicle parts		Bike parts, bicycle parts. Excludes tyres
PL23	Resin pellets		Visual assessment only
PL19	Rope		Synthetic twine & string
PL24.08	Safety & construction related		Road cones, safety mesh, barrier arms, plumbing, pipes, conduit, caution tape, sea wall matting, geotextile fabric, curtain hooks, tile spacers, sealant tubes, caulking, PVC, broom bristles, tubes
PL24.05	Shotgun wadding & shells		
PL21	Strapping bands & tape		Packaging tape, insulation tape, electrical tape, Sellotape
PL04.01	Straws		
PL12	Syringes		Biohazard: Only trained leaders to touch. Don't weigh.
PL08	Toys, sport, & recreation (Plastic)		Plastic firework pieces, snorkels, sunglasses, goggles, golf balls, figurine, fake flowers, beads, garland, fake leaves, wreath, lei, Lego, tinsel, decorations
PL24.01	Unidentifiable hard plastic fragments		Melted plastic, burnt plastic
PL07.02	Unidentifiable soft plastic fragments		Plastic packet wrap, soft plastic
PL24	Other plastic (specify)		Paint chips, casters, wheels, cap brim, dish brush, scrubbing brush, cigarette packet wrap.
Code	Foamed Plastic	H&S	Notes & Examples
FP05.02	Ear plugs		Earplugs
FP03	Foam buoys		Includes floats
FP05.03	Foam glazier spacers		Blue foamed squares, blue foam square, green foamed squares, green foam squares
FP01	Foam sponge		
FP02	Polystyrene cups or food packs		Includes coffee cups, styrofoam
FP04	Polystyrene insulation or packaging		Includes bean bag foam balls, foam sock, sleeve, foam netting, wine sleeve
FP05.04	Toys, Sport, & Recreation (Foamed Plastic)		Nerf gun bullet, nerf bullets, pool noodles, camping mats, yoga mats, balls, surf board, toy, boogie board, body board
FP05.01	Unidentifiable foamed plastic fragments		
FP05	Other foamed plastic (specify)		Packaging, tubing, handle grip, insulation, flasher rig packaging
Code	Fabric & Textiles	H&S	Notes & Examples
CL02	Backpacks & bags		
CL03	Canvas, sailcloth & sacking (hessian)		Sacks
CL05	Carpet & furnishing		

CL01	Clothing, towels and linen		Bracelets, fashion accessories, clothing tags, socks, duvet, pillow, undies, underwear, panties, pants, jersey, polyester, polypropylene, buttons, clips, buckles, cotton reel, clothing, hats, gloves, towels
CL01.01	Footwear & shoes		Excludes shoe soles, jandals, flip flops
CL04	Rope, line or string (natural)		Wool
CL06	Other cloth		Leather, dog collars, velcro, viny
CL06.01	Unidentifiable cloth fragments (specify)		Polyester stuffing, sea fluff, tennis ball fuzz, rags, dacron, unidentifiable cloth fragments
Code	Glass & Ceramic	H&S	Notes & Examples
GC02	Bottles & jars		
GC01	Construction material		Including brick, cement, pipes, concrete, asphalt
GC05	Fluorescent light tubes		
GC06	Glass buoys		
GC07	Glass or ceramic fragments	!	Can be sharp! Adults only. Terracotta, pottery
GC04	Light globes/bulbs		
GC03	Tableware		Plates & cups
GC08	Other glass & ceramic (specify)		
Code	Metal	H&S	Notes & Examples
ME03	Aluminium drink cans		
ME02	Bottle caps, lids & pull tabs		
ME09	Construction material		Fencing & electrical wiring, nails, screws, staples, wire mesh, waratahs, rivet, bearing, tools
ME07	Fishing related	!	Can be sharp! Sinkers, lures, hooks, traps, pots, swivels, shark/long line clips, split ring, pliers, knife, knives
ME06	Foil wrappers		Tin foil, aluminium foil. Excludes foil lined plastic wrappers
ME05	Gas bottles, drums & buckets (> 4 L)		
ME10.02	Metal vehicle parts		Spark plug
ME04	Other cans & containers (<= 4L)		Tin cans, aerosols, inhaler canisters, tubes, ointment tube
ME10.01	Sharps, needles, lancets, metal catheters	⊗	Biohazard: Only trained leaders to touch. Don't weigh.
ME01	Tableware		Plates, cups, cutlery, utensils, knives, forks, spoons
ME08	Unidentifiable metal fragments		
ME10	Other metal (specify)		Coins, sparklers, bullets, toys, bullet shells, shopping trolley/cart, figurine, stationary items, key ring, key, ring, jewellery, jewelry, button, watch, thumbtack, drawing pin, push pin
Code	Paper & Cardboard	H&S	Notes & Examples
PC02	Cardboard boxes		
PC03	Cups, food trays & wrappers		Paper bags, cigarette packs, drink containers, takeaway containers, napkin, serviette, rolling papers, zigzags, zig zag
PC04	Fireworks		
PC01	Paper, newspapers & paper receipts		Magazines
PC03.01	Tetrapaks		Carton, flavoured milk, juice
PC05.01	Unidentifiable paper & cardboard fragments		

PC05	Other paper & cardboard (specify)		Sandpaper
Code	Rubber	H&S	Notes & Examples
RB08.02	Chewing gum		
RB08.03	Construction & Automotive		Plumbing, seals, washers, rubber & silicone sealants, o-rings
RB03	Gloves		Includes latex and rubber dipped gloves
RB05	Inner-tubes and rubber sheet		
RB06	Rubber bands		Sheep docking rings
RB02	Rubber footwear		Shoe soles, jandals, flip flops
RB01	Toys, Sports & Recreation (Rubber)		Swim cap, swimcap, neoprene, wetsuit, goggles, dive mask, fins, flippers, snorkel, balloons, tennis balls, footballs, dog toys, strap
RB04	Tyres		
RB08.01	Unidentifiable rubber fragments		
RB08	Other rubber (specify)		Tip, walking stick foot, chair leg foot, glide, crutch
Code	Wood	H&S	Notes & Examples
WD01	Corks		Wine corks
WD02	Fishing traps and pots		Cork floats
WD05	Matches and wooden fireworks parts		
WD04	Processed timber & pallet crates		Includes fence & gate posts, unidentifiable wood, fragment, particle board, construction, fence post, tanalised wood
WD03	Wooden utensils		Icecream sticks, chip forks, chopsticks, toothpicks, knives, spoons, stirrers, cutlery, chop sticks, chopsticks
WD06	Other wood (specify)		Pencil, toys, furniture
Code	Other	H&S	Notes & Examples
OT03	Appliances & electronics		Plugs, electric cords
OT04	Batteries (household)		AA, other household batteries
OT05.01	Batteries (non-household)		Vehicle and other non-household batteries
OT05.02	Boat parts		
OT02.01	Cotton buds		Cotton bud, ear buds, q-tips, q tip
OT02.03	Faeces	⊗	Biohazard: don't weigh. Only count bags of poo
OT01	Paraffin or wax		
OT02.05	Personal care items		Hair ties, hair brushes, combs, toothbrushes, nail file, emery board, hair clip, hair pin, bobby pin
OT02	Sanitary items	⊗	Biohazard: don't weigh. Nappies, tampons, bandages, plasters, sports tape, face masks, tissues, toilet paper, tp, napkins, liners, pads, catheter bag, condoms
OT05	Other (specify)		Chalk