



How to fill this in

1. After your beach litter survey, bring your rubbish to a safe and sheltered location to count and weigh by the categories below.
2. Only count & weigh items above 5mm in size. Weight in grams.
3. In the "H//L" column, record how "Confident" you are that the weight is correct; it can be inaccurate when litter is wet or dirty. H = High, L = Low.

Visual Assessment Grade A B C D **Circle one**

A = No litter present, B = Predominantly free with some minor instances
C = Widespread with some accumulations, D = Heavily affected

Survey Area

Survey Date

Audit Date

Start Time

of Auditors

End Time

Health & Safety: Important instructions for some litter categories. Look for the icons below in the "H&S" column and follow instructions.

- ✘ **Biohazard:** Only count item, do not weigh. Only trained leaders to touch.
- ! **Take extra caution.** Only adults to touch.

Plastic	Count	Weight (g)	H/L	H&S	Notes & Examples
Baskets, crates & trays					Includes fish bins
Bottle caps & lids					Includes toothpaste caps
Bottle neck rings					Milk bottle rings
Bottle seals & tabs					
Bottles <= 2 L					
Bottles, drums, jerrycans & buckets > 2 L					
Cable ties & zip ties					
Cigarette lighters					Vapes, vaping devices
Cigarettes, butts & filters					Butts, filters
Clothes pegs					
Drink package rings					Six-pack rings, ring carriers
Fibreglass fragments					
Fishing gear					Plastic lures, traps & pots, glow sticks, knife handles
Fishing line					Monofilament line & braid
Fishing net					
Food containers					Fast food, cups, lunch boxes, bread bag tags, coffee cups & lids
Food wrappers					Candy, muesli bars, candies, lolly wrappers
Gardening & farming related					Plant bags & pots, hose, plastic pipes
Gloves					
Lollipop sticks & cotton buds					
Medical waste					Inhalers, cosmetics, pill packets, condom wrappers. Excludes syringes
Mesh bags					Vegetable, oyster nets & mussel bags, nets, netting
Parking tickets & receipts					
Pens					
Plastic bags					Includes opaque & clear bags, ziplock bags
Plastic buoys					Includes floats, mussel buoys, fishing buoys
Plastic sheeting					Tarpaulins, pallet wrap, weed matting, silage wrap
Plastic utensils					Knives, forks, spoons, stirrers, cutlery
Plastic vehicle parts					Excludes tyres
Resin pellets	A B C D	n/a			Visual assessment only
Rope					Synthetic twine & string
Safety & construction related					Road cones, safety mesh, barrier arms, plumbing, pipes, conduit, caution tape
Shotgun wadding & shells					
Strapping bands & tape					Packaging tape, insulation tape, electrical tape, Sellotape
Straws					
Syringes				✘	✘ Biohazard: Only trained leaders to touch. Don't weigh.
Toys & sports related					Plastic firework pieces, snorkels, party poppers, sunglasses, goggles, dive masks, golf balls
Unidentifiable hard plastic fragments					
Unidentifiable soft plastic fragments					Cigarette packet wrap, plastic packet wrap, bubble wrap, shrink wrap
Other Plastic					

Foamed Plastic	Count	Weight (g)	H/L	H&S	Notes & Examples
Ear plugs					
Foam buoys					Includes floats
Foam sponge					
Polystyrene cups or food packs					Includes coffee cups
Polystyrene insulation or packaging					Includes bean bag foam balls
Unidentifiable foamed plastic fragments					
Other Foamed Plastic					Blue/green foamed squares, nerf gun bullets

Cloth	Count	Weight (g)	H/L	H&S	Notes & Examples
Backpacks & bags					
Canvas, sailcloth & sacking (hessian)					
Carpet & furnishing					
Clothing, hats, gloves & towels					Bracelets, fashion accessories, clothing tags, socks, duvet, pillow
Footwear & shoes					Excludes shoe soles, jandals, flipflops
Rope, line or string (natural)					
Miscellaneous Cloth Fragments					Rags
Glass & Ceramic	Count	Weight (g)	H/L	H&S	Notes & Examples
Bottles & jars					
Construction material					Including brick, cement, pipes
Fluorescent light tubes					
Glass buoys					
Glass or ceramic fragments				!	Can be sharp! Adults only.
Light globes/bulbs					
Tableware					Plates & cups
Other Glass & Ceramic					
Metal	Count	Weight (g)	H/L	H&S	Notes & Examples
Aluminium drink cans					
Bottle caps, lids & pull tabs					
Construction material					Fencing wire, electrical wiring, nails, screws, staples, wire mesh, barbed wire, bolts, nuts, waratahs.
Fishing related				!	Can be sharp! Sinkers, lures, hooks, traps, pots, swivels, shark/long line clips
Foil wrappers					Tin foil, aluminium foil. Excludes foil lined plastic wrappers
Gas bottles, drums & buckets (> 4 L)					
Metal vehicle parts					
Other cans (<= 4 L)					Tin cans, aerosols, inhaler canisters
Sharps, needles, lancets, metal catheters		×		×	Biohazard: Only trained leaders to touch. Don't weigh.
Tableware					Plates, cups, cutlery, utensils, knives, forks, spoons
Unidentifiable metal fragments					
Other Metal					Coins, sparklers, bullets, toys, bullet shells, shopping trolley/cart
Paper & Cardboard	Count	Weight (g)	H/L	H&S	Notes & Examples
Cardboard boxes & fragments					
Cups, food trays & wrappers					Tetrapaks, paper bags, cigarette packs, drink containers, takeaway containers
Fireworks					
Paper					Including newspapers, magazines, paper receipts
Other Paper & Cardboard					
Rubber	Count	Weight (g)	H/L	H&S	Notes & Examples
Balloons, tennis balls, footballs, dog toys					
Condoms		×		×	Biohazard: Only trained leaders to touch. Don't weigh.
Gloves					Includes latex and rubber dipped gloves
Inner-tubes and rubber sheet					
Rubber bands					Sheep docking rings
Rubber footwear					Shoe soles, jandals, flip flops
Tyres					
Unidentifiable rubber fragments					Rubber & silicone sealant
Other Rubber					Chewing gum
Wood	Count	Weight (g)	H/L	H&S	Notes & Examples
Corks					
Fishing traps and pots					
Matches and wooden fireworks parts					
Processed timber & pallet crates					Includes fence & gate posts
Wooden utensils					Icecream sticks, chip forks, chopsticks, toothpicks, knives, spoons, stirrers, cutlery
Other Wood					
Other	Count	Weight (g)	H/L	H&S	Notes & Examples
Appliances & electronics					
Batteries (Household)					AA, other household batteries
Batteries (Non-household)					Vehicle and other non-household batteries
Boat parts					
Faeces		×		×	Biohazard: Don't weigh. Only count bags of poo
Paraffin or wax					
Personal care items					Hair ties, hair brushes, combs, toothbrushes
Sanitary items		×		×	Biohazard: Don't weigh. Nappies, tampons & applicators, bandages, plasters, sports tape
Other					