

How to fill this in

- After your beach litter survey, bring your rubbish to a safe and sheltered location to count and weigh by the categories below.
- Only count and weigh litter items above 5mm in size. Weight is in grams.
- 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 (circle one): A B C D

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

Survey Area Location:

Survey Date:

of Surveyors:

Audit Location:

Audit Date:

of Auditors:

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



Biohazard: Only count item, do not weigh it.
Only trained Citizen Science 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					
Bottle neck rings					Milk bottle rings
Bottle seals & tabs					
Bottles <= 2 L					
Bottles, drums, jerrycans & buckets > 2 L					
Cable ties & zip ties					
Cigarette lighters					
Cigarettes, butts & filters					Butts, filters and plastic packet wrap
Clothes pegs					
Drink package rings					Six-pack rings, ring carriers
Fibreglass fragments					
Fishing gear					Floats, plastic lures, traps & pots, glow sticks
Fishing line					Monofilament line & braid
Fishing net					
Food containers					Fast food, cups, lunch boxes, bread bag tags
Food wrappers					Candy, muesli bars, other soft plastic fragments
Gardening & farming related					Plant bags & pots, hose, plastic pipes
Gloves					
Lollipop sticks & cotton buds					
Medical waste					Inhalers, cosmetics, pill packets. Excludes syringes
Mesh bags					Vegetable, oyster nets & mussel bags
Parking tickets & receipts					
Pens					
Plastic bags					Includes opaque & clear bags
Plastic buoys					
Plastic sheeting					Tarpaulins, palette wrap, weed matting, silage wrap
Plastic utensils					Knives, forks, spoons, stirrers
Plastic vehicle parts					Excludes tyres
Resin pellets	A B C D	n/a			Visual assessment only
Rope					Synthetic twine & string
Safety related					Road cones, safety mesh, barrier arms
Shotgun wadding & shells					
Strapping bands					Includes packaging tape
Straws					
Syringes		⊗		⊗	Biohazard: Only trained leaders to touch. Don't weigh.
Toys, balls & party poppers					Plastic firework pieces
Unidentifiable hard plastic fragments					
Other (specify)					Excludes tyres

Foamed Plastic	Count	Weight (g)	H/L	H&S	Notes & Examples
Ear plugs					
Foam buoys					
Foam sponge					
Polystyrene cups or food packs					
Polystyrene insulation or packaging					Includes bean bag foam balls
Unidentifiable foamed plastic fragments					
Other (specify)					

Cloth	Count	Weight (g)	H/L	H&S	Notes & Examples
Backpacks & bags					
Canvas, sailcloth & sacking (hessian)					
Carpet & furnishing					
Clothing, hats, gloves & towels					
Footwear & shoes					Excludes shoe soles, jandals, flipflops
Rope, line or string (natural)					
Other cloth (including 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				!	Fragments can be sharp. Adults only.
Light globes/bulbs					
Tableware					Plates & cups
Other (specify)					
Metal	Count	Weight (g)	H/L	H&S	Notes & Examples
Aluminium drink cans					
Bottle caps, lids & pull tabs					
Fishing related				!	Hooks can be sharp. Sinkers, lures, hooks, traps & pots
Foil wrappers					Excludes foil lined plastic wrappers
Gas bottles, drums & buckets (> 4 L)					
Metal vehicle parts					
Other cans (<= 4 L)					
Sharps, needles, lancets, metal catheters		×		×	Biohazard: Only trained leaders to touch. Don't weigh.
Tableware					Plates, cups & cutlery
Wire, wire mesh & barbed wire					Includes fencing wire, electrical wiring
Unidentifiable metal fragments					
Other (specify)					
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
Fireworks					
Paper					Including newspapers, magazines, paper receipts
Other (specify)					
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					
Rubber footwear					Shoe soles, jandals, flip flops
Tyres					
Unidentifiable rubber fragments					Rubber & silicone sealant
Other (specify)					
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					Ice-cream sticks, chip forks, chopsticks & toothpicks
Other (specify)					
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		×		×	Only count bags of poo
Paraffin or wax					
Sanitary items		×		×	Nappies, tampons & applicators, bandages, plasters, sports tape
Toothbrushes					
Other (specify)					