

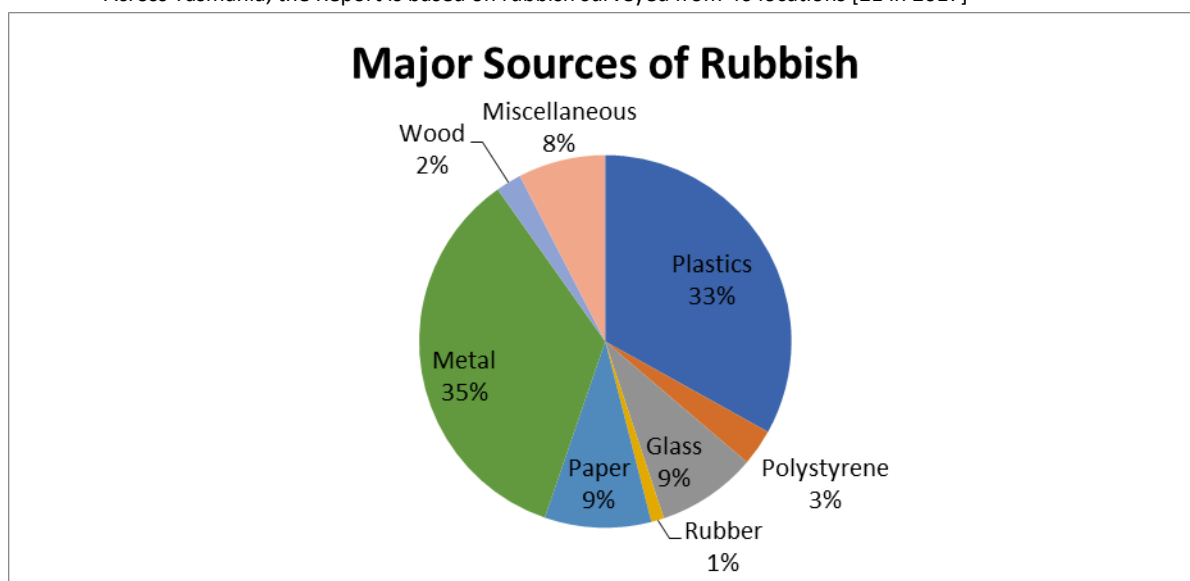
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2018 RUBBISH REPORT- TASMANIA

Sites Registered: 313 [221 in 2017]
Estimated Volunteers: 25,018 [16,988 in 2017]
Estimated Rubbish Removed: 688.6 ute loads [486.2 in 2017]
Volunteer hours: 50,036 [33,976 in 2017]

The 2018 Rubbish Report is a snapshot of rubbish removed by Clean Up Australia Day volunteers. Across Tasmania, the Report is based on rubbish surveyed from 46 locations [21 in 2017]



NOTABLE CHANGES FROM 2017

- Metals recorded the most dramatic increase of 27%, followed by plastics at 8% and wood at 1%
- Glass decreased by 21%, miscellaneous items halved to 8%, paper decreased by 8%
- Rubber and polystyrene remained consistent

THE TOP 10 RUBBISH ITEMS AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL RUBBISH SURVEYED

GROUPED DATA			INDIVIDUAL ITEM COUNT		
		%			%
1	Beverage containers	37.1	1	Alcoholic beverage cans	13.7
2	Food packaging	15.2	2	Soft drink cans	13.0
3	Beverage rubbish	11.1	3	Plastic bottle caps & lids	8.1
4	Non-food packaging	8.4	4	Chip & confectionery wrappers	5.6
5	Chips & confectionery	6.9	5	Garbage/rubbish bags	5.0
6	Plastic bags	6.0	6	Alcoholic beverage bottles	4.9
7	Construction materials	5.8	7	Pieces of wire	3.4
8	Construction materials	3.3	8	Cigarette butts	2.6
9	Sanitary items	1.8	9	PET drink containers	2.3
10	Clothing	1.7	10	Soft drink bottles	2.0

Grouped Top 10 data made up 97% [98.5% in 2017] of reported rubbish.

Individual Item Count Top 10 data = 60.5% [70.9% in 2017]

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Within grouped data:

- Beverage containers as a percentage of all rubbish reported increased by 23.1%
- Beverage container rubbish increased by 8.8%
- Other increases were reported in chip & confectionery wrappers – which rose by 1.2%, plastic bags which increased their count by 2.4% and construction materials which rose by 2.7%
- The good news is food packaging reduced its presence in the count by 25.8 %, non-food packaging reduced by 9.3% and sanitary items by 4.5%,
- Non-identifiable items and plastic toys, sporting equipment, ropes & straps dropped off the 2018 list, to be replaced by clothing @ 1.7% of reported rubbish

Within Individual item data:

- Cans – soft drink and alcoholic beverage were items which recorded the most dramatic increases – 10% for soft drink and 10.9% for alcoholic
- Chip & confectionery wrappers increased their presence by 0.3%, garbage/rubbish bags by 1.8% and small pieces of paper by 1.4%
- Cigarette butt counts decreased by 11.8% - it is notable that Tasmania is the only state where butts are NOT the #1 item in the Top Ten list
- In other good news is napkins & tissues, plastic food bags and small pieces of paper all dropped off
- PET bottles decreased their counts by 0.5%
- Additions to the 2018 list were plastic bottle caps & lids, alcoholic and soft drink bottles plus wire.

FAVOURITE CLEAN UP SITES

	# of sites surveyed	Number of items found	% of states total waste	Average number of items
Waterways	1	397	2%	397
Parks	9	2,911	15%	324
Beach/Coastal	12	3,766	19%	314
Roadway	11	5,337	27%	485
Bushland	7	3,194	16%	456
School Grounds	3	2,875	15%	958
Outdoor Transport	0	0	0%	0
Shops/malls	1	203	1%	203
Other	2	990	5%	495

Beach/coastal areas were the most popular site surveyed in 2018. Municipal roadways recorded the highest percentage of total waste and school grounds the highest average number of items across the state.

Notable changes over 2017:

- Three locations recorded increased average item counts this year:
 - Students across the state were very active, dramatically increasing their average count from 12 in 2017 to 958
 - Municipal roadways and non-identified locations each more than doubled their average count: roadways recording 485 [192 in 2017] and non-identified locations 495 [149 last year]
- Three locations recorded decreased average counts:
 - Parks recorded just over a third of last year's figures @ 324, versus 1033
 - Bushland areas halved their count to 456 [883 in 2017]
 - Beach/coastal areas dropped by 74 items
- Two additional locations types reported this year:
 - Waterways recorded an average item count of 397
 - Shops/malls recorded 203

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