

Clean Up



THE 2019 RUBBISH REPORT

TASMANIA

In Tasmania, the Report is based on the count of 14,259 rubbish items from 62 surveyed locations [19,673 items from 42 locations in 2018].

Sites registered:

293

(313 in 2018)

Estimated Volunteers:

21,866



(25,018 in 2018)

Estimated Rubbish Removed:

644.6

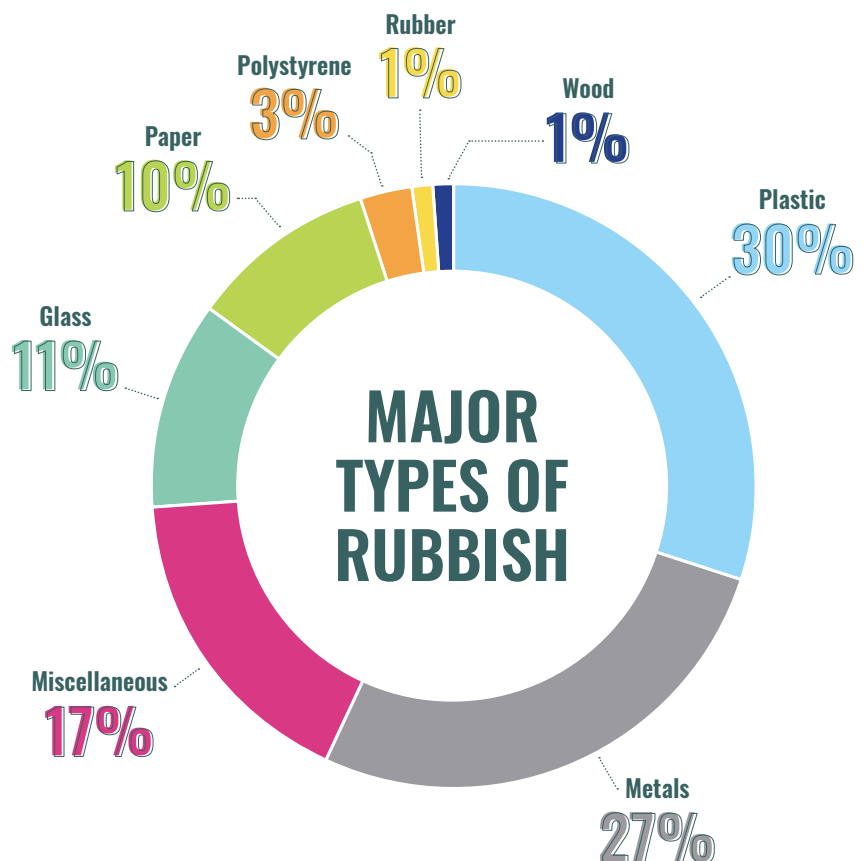


(688.6 in 2018)

Volunteer hours:

43,732

(50,036 in 2018)



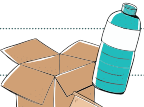
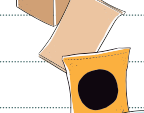

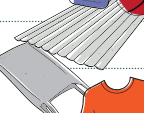

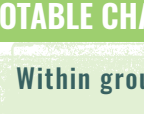
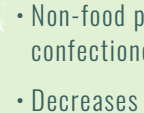
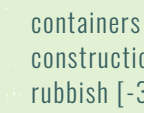
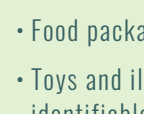

NOTABLE CHANGES FROM 2018

- Miscellaneous items increased by 9%, glass by 2% and paper by 1%
- Metals decreased by 8%, plastics by 3% and wood by 1%
- Polystyrene and rubber remained consistent.

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

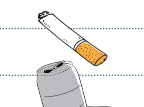
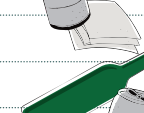
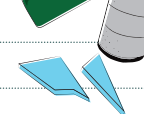



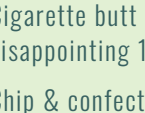
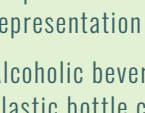
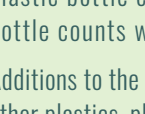
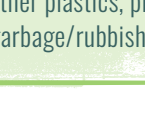
GROUPED DATA

*Grouped Data made up 98.6% [97% in 2018] of surveyed rubbish.

1		BEVERAGE CONTAINERS - 28%
2		NON-FOOD PACKAGING - 27.2%
3		FOOD PACKAGING - 15.4%
4		CHIP & CONFECTIONERY WRAPPERS - 8.9%
5		BEVERAGE RELATED RUBBISH - 8.1%
6		HOUSEHOLD ITEMS - 3.7%
7		TOYS, SPORTING EQUIP, ROPES AND STRAPS - 2.3%
8		CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS - 2%
9		PLASTIC BAGS - 1.6%
10		CLOTHING - 1.3%

INDIVIDUAL ITEM COUNT

*Individual Item Count Top 10 data = 58% [60.5% in 2018]

1		CIGARETTE BUTTS - 14.6%
2		SOFT DRINK CANS - 8.7%
3		FOIL CONFECTIONERY WRAPPERS - 8.6%
4		GLASS ALCOHOL BEVERAGE BOTTLES - 5.2%
5		ALCOHOL BEVERAGE CANS - 5.2%
6		PIECES OF GLASS - 3.8%
7		OTHER PLASTICS - 3.6%
8		PLASTIC BOTTLE CAPS & LIDS - 3.1%
9		PLASTIC PACKAGING - 2.7%
10		METAL BOTTLE CAPS - 2.7%

NOTABLE CHANGES FROM 2018

Within grouped data:

- Non-food packaging items increased by 18.8 %, and confectionery wrappers by 2%
- Decreases were recorded in counts of beverage containers [-9.1%], plastic bags [-4.4%], construction materials [-3.8%], beverage related rubbish [-3%] and clothing [-0.4%].
- Food packaging recorded a 0.2% decrease
- Toys and illegally dumped household goods replaced non-identifiable and sanitary items within the grouped Top 10

Within Individual item counts:

- Cigarette butt counts topped the list in 2019 at 14.6% - a disappointing 12% increase from 2018
- Chip & confectionery wrappers increased their percentage representation by 3%, alcoholic beverage bottles by 0.3%
- Alcoholic beverage cans reduced their counts by 8.5%, plastic bottle caps & lids reduced by 5% and soft drink bottle counts were down by 4.3%
- Additions to the 2019 list [other than butts] were glass pieces, other plastics, plastic packaging and metal bottle caps – replacing garbage/rubbish bags, pieces of wire, PET and soft drink bottles

FAVOURITE CLEAN UP SITES

Beach/coastal areas were the most popular sites surveyed in 2019. Industrious school students recorded the highest average rubbish counts.

Site Type	Number of sites	Number of items found	% of total waste	Average number of items per site
Rivers/Creeks	9	1,388	10%	154
Parks	9	2,021	14%	225
Beach/Coastal	22	4,889	34%	222
Roadway	8	1,953	14%	244
Bushland	6	1,153	8%	192
School Grounds	4	2,319	16%	580
Shops/malls	2	505	4%	253
Other	2	31	0%	16
Totals	62	14,259	100%	1,885

NOTABLE CHANGES FROM 2018

The only location type to record an increase in average counts in 2019 was Shops/Malls, which rose by 50.

All other location types reported reduced average counts:

- Rivers/creeks reduced their average count by 61% to 154 [397 in 2018]
- Parks counts decreased by 99
- Beach/coastal areas reported an average of 92 fewer items
- Roadways more than halved their averages, down 261 from 2018
- Bushland counts were 42% of 2018 – down to 192 from 456
- School grounds almost halved their counts to 580 [958 in 2018]
- Other [mixed locations] reduced their average counts by a staggering 479 items