

Clean Up



THE 2019 RUBBISH REPORT

NEW SOUTH WALES

The 2019 Rubbish Report is a snapshot of rubbish removed by Clean Up Australia volunteers.

Sites registered:

3,075

(2,964 in 2018)

Estimated Volunteers:

314,064



(298,071 in 2018)

Estimated Rubbish Removed:

6,765

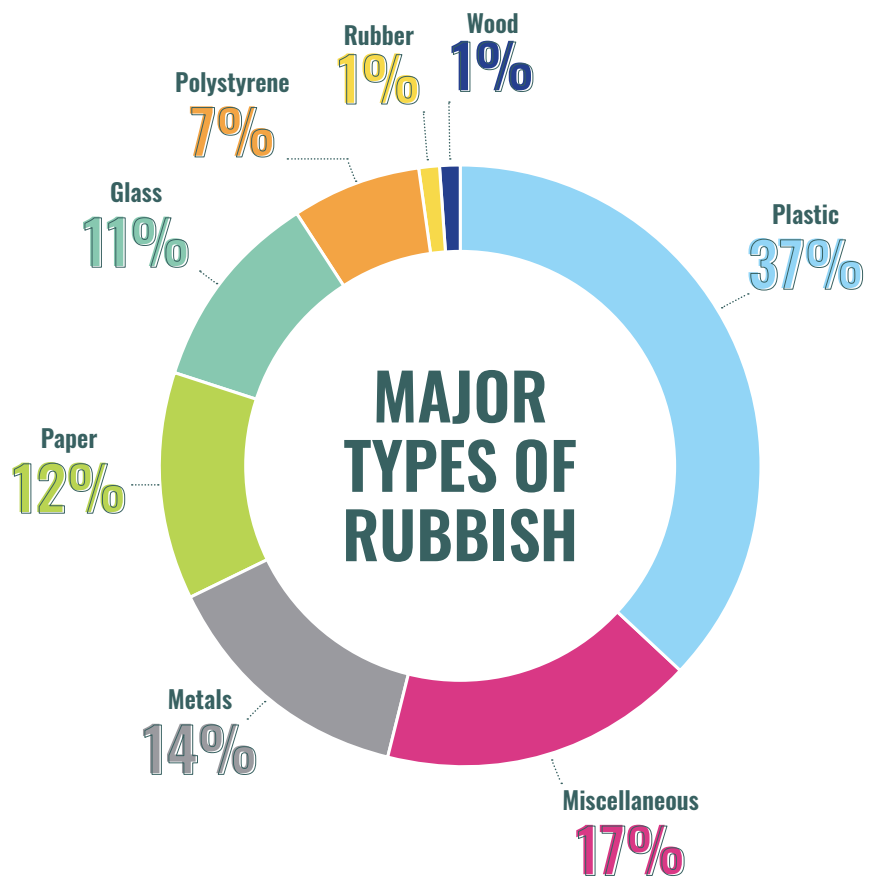


(6,520.8 in 2018)

Volunteer hours:

628,128

(596,142 in 2018)













NOTABLE CHANGES FROM 2018

- Polystyrene items increased by 3%, metals by 2% and glass by 1%
- Plastics decreased by 5% and paper by 1%
- Miscellaneous items, wood and rubber all remained consistent

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











GROUPED DATA

*Grouped Data made up 98.9% [97.3% in 2018] of surveyed rubbish.

1		NON-FOOD PACKAGING - 26.6%
2		BEVERAGE CONTAINERS - 23.2%
3		FOOD PACKAGING - 17.2%
4		BEVERAGE RELATED RUBBISH - 12.0%
5		HOUSEHOLD ITEMS - 7.6%
6		PLASTIC BAGS - 4.7%
7		CHIP & CONFECTIONERY WRAPPERS - 1.8%
8		TOYS, SPORTING EQUIP, ROPES AND STRAPS - 1.5%
9		CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS - 1.2%
10		CLOTHING - 1.1%

INDIVIDUAL ITEM COUNT

*Individual Item Count Top 10 data = 50.4% [55.4% in 2018]

1		CIGARETTE BUTTS - 14.2%
2		GLASS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE BOTTLES - 5.4%
3		PLASTIC BOTTLE CAPS & LIDS - 5.2%
4		GLASS SOFT DRINK BOTTLES - 4.4%
5		STRAWS - 4.3%
6		PET DRINK CONTAINERS - 4.0%
7		OTHER PLASTICS - 3.7%
8		ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CANS - 3.3%
9		NAPKINS & TISSUES - 3.2%
10		PIECES OF GLASS - 2.8%

NOTABLE CHANGES FROM 2018

Within grouped data:

- Illegally dumped household items increased by 6.6% as a percentage of all rubbish reported, beverage related rubbish by 5.9% and non-food packaging by 5.1%
- Food packaging decreased its count by 6.9%
- Other decreases were recorded in counts of chip & confectionery wrappers which decreased by 4.2%, beverage related rubbish by 2.3%, toys and sporting equipment by 0.8%, and plastic bags by 0.1%
- Construction materials and clothing were added to the Top 10 in 2019, replacing sanitary and non-identified items

Within Individual item counts:

- Plastic bottle caps & lids counts increased by 2%, and alcoholic beverage bottles by 1.7%
- Decreases were recorded for straws [-2.1%], cigarette butts [-1.5%] and PET containers [-0.4%]
- Glass soft drink bottles, alcohol cans, other plastics, glass pieces and napkins were all added to the Top 10 in 2019, replacing small pieces of paper, plastic cutlery/cups and utensils, chip & confectionery wrappers, metal bottle caps and garbage/rubbish bags.

FAVOURITE CLEAN UP SITES

Parks continue to be the single most surveyed Clean Up site, again yielding 18% of counted rubbish.

Shops/Malls reported the highest average number of items per community site at 729 – an increase of 284 from 2018.

Site Type	Number of sites	Number of items found	% of total waste	Average number of items per site
Rivers/Creeks	67	27,822	20%	415
Parks	78	25,273	18%	324
Beach/Coastal	49	22,642	16%	462
Roadway	54	19,128	14%	354
Bushland	53	19,532	14%	369
School Grounds	31	7,020	5%	226
Shops/malls	5	3,647	3%	729
Other	28	13,133	10%	469
Totals	365	138,197	100%	3,349

NOTABLE CHANGES FROM 2018

All other locations reported decreased average item counts in 2019:

- Other [mixed locations] reduced their count by 75% to 469 items
- School grounds halved their average counts to 226
- Parks reduced their average count by 239
- Waterways by 120
- Beach/coastal areas by 99
- Roadways by 53
- Bushland by 60

We did not receive surveys from any outdoor transport areas or dive sites in 2019.