

Clean Up



THE 2019 RUBBISH REPORT

NORTHERN TERRITORY

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

Sites registered:

63

(62 in 2018)

Estimated Volunteers:

2,928



(3,064 in 2018)

Estimated Rubbish Removed:

338.4

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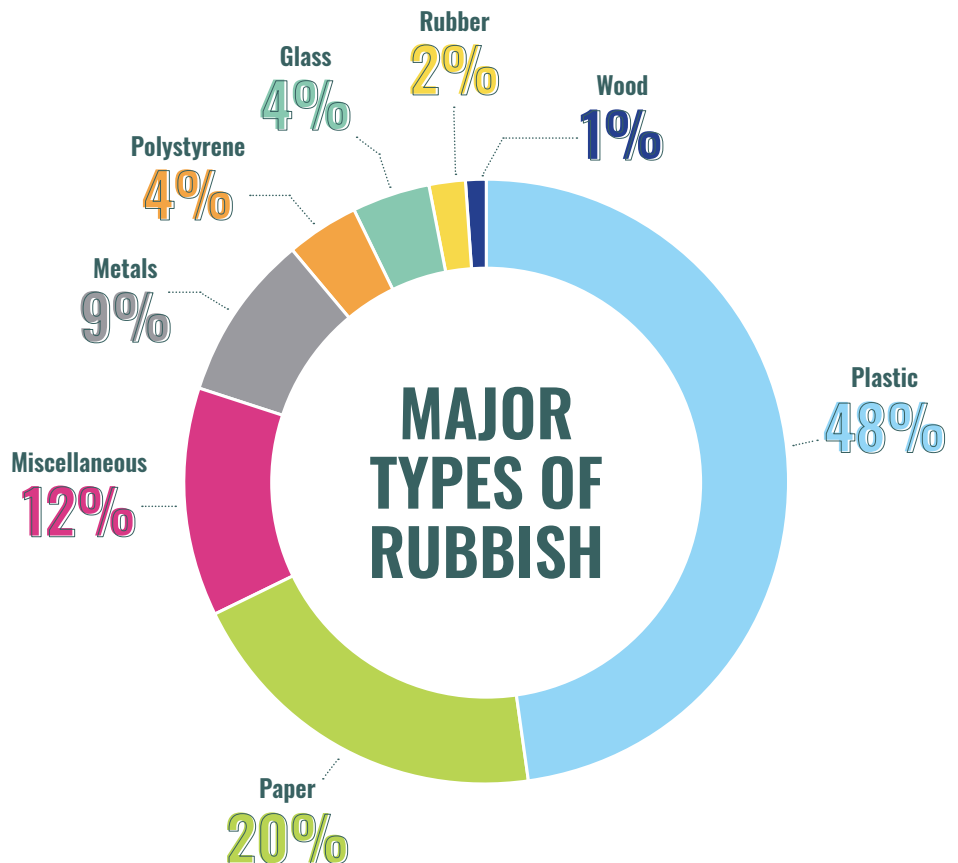


(136.4 in 2018)

Volunteer hours:

5,856

(6,128 in 2018)









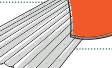



NOTABLE CHANGES FROM 2018

- Paper items increased by 14%, miscellaneous items by 9%, metals by 6%, polystyrene by 2% and rubber by 1%
- Plastics decreased by 32%
- Wood and glass remained consistent

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

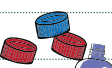


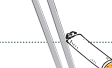


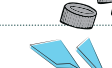



GROUPED DATA

*Grouped Data made up 99.5% [99% in 2018] of surveyed rubbish.

1		NON-FOOD PACKAGING - 24.9%
2		BEVERAGE RELATED RUBBISH - 17.9%
3		FOOD PACKAGING - 16.5%
4		HOUSEHOLD ITEMS - 11.3%
5		PLASTIC BAGS - 10.2%
6		BEVERAGE CONTAINERS - 8.1%
7		TOYS, SPORTING EQUIP, ROPES AND STRAPS - 4.0%
8		CHIP & CONFECTIONERY WRAPPERS - 3.0%
9		CLOTHING - 2.6%
10		CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS - 1.0%

INDIVIDUAL ITEM COUNT

*Individual Item Count Top 10 data = 59.1% [85.2% in 2018]

1		PLASTIC BOTTLE CAPS & LIDS - 9.3%
2		PLASTIC PACKAGING - 9.2%
3		GARBAGE/RUBBISH BAGS - 8.8%
4		SMALL PIECES OF PAPER - 7.7%
5		STRAWS - 5.1%
6		CIGARETTE BUTTS - 5.1%
7		NAPKINS & TISSUES - 3.8%
8		TOYS & SPORTING EQUIPEMENT - 3.6%
9		METAL BOTTLE CAPS - 3.2%
10		MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS - 3.2%

NOTABLE CHANGES FROM 2018

Within grouped data:

All categories which appeared in both 2018 and 2019 counts increased their percentage in 2019:

- Non-food packaging increased by 19.3%
- Beverage related rubbish by 14.2%
- Food packaging by 7.9%
- Plastic bags by 6.5%
- Beverage containers by 5.4%
- Chip & confectionery wrappers by 1.9%
- And Clothing by 1.8%

Non-identifiable and sanitary items, as well as vehicle parts, dropped off the list to be replaced by illegally dumped household goods, construction waste, and toys/sporting equipment/straps and ropes.

Within Individual item counts:

The 2019 Individual count list bears little resemblance to the 2018 Report.

- Plastic bottle caps & lids returned, increasing their presence by 7.5%
- Garbage/rubbish bags increased by 5.6%
- Cigarette butts rose by 3%
- Napkins and tissues also returned to the Top Ten, increasing their percentage by 2.7%
- Metal bottle caps increased by 2.1%

All other Top 10 Individual items are new to the list this year with plastic packaging, small pieces of paper, straws, toys & sporting equipment, and miscellaneous items replacing unidentified items, broken glass, wine casks, alcoholic beverage bottles, and plastic food bags.

FAVOURITE CLEAN UP SITES

Site Type	Number of sites	Number of items found	% of total waste	Average number of items per site
Rivers/Creeks	1	276	17%	276
Beach/Coastal	1	250	15%	250
School Grounds	1	990	60%	990
Other	1	134	8%	134
Totals	4	1,650	100%	1,650

NOTABLE CHANGES FROM 2018

The only location for which we can compare results with 2018 is beach/coastal site type, which increased its average count by 92 items to a total of 250. All other site types have reported for the first time in 2019.

We applaud the very industrious school which, led by their dedicated teachers, reported 990 items – representing 60% of all reported rubbish for the Territory.