

Clean Up



THE 2019 RUBBISH REPORT

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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

Sites registered:

481

(482 in 2018)

Estimated Volunteers:

40,978



(43,278 in 2018)

Estimated Rubbish Removed:

1,058.2

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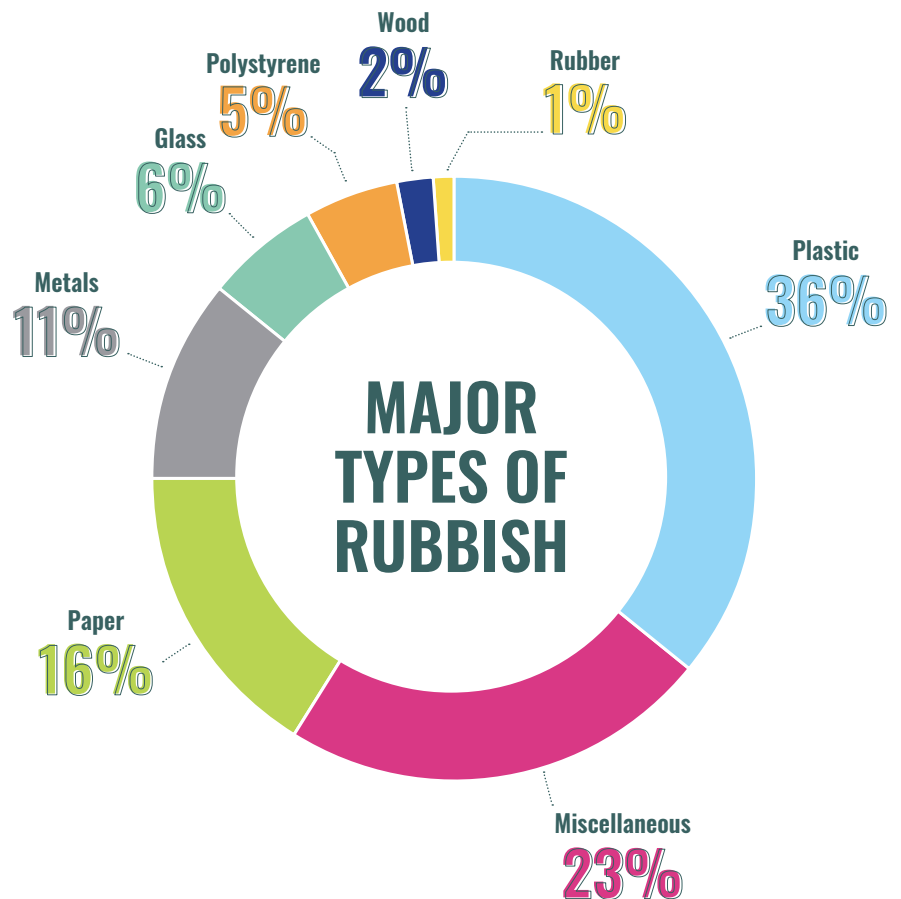
(1,060.4 in 2018)

Volunteer hours:

81,956



(86,556 in 2018)









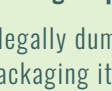
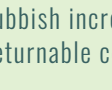
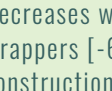
NOTABLE CHANGES FROM 2018

- Miscellaneous items increased by 8% and plastics by 2%
- Glass, rubber, paper and polystyrene each decreased by 2%
- Metals and wood each decreased by 1%

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




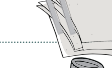






GROUPED DATA

*Grouped Data made up 99.1% [96% in 2018] of surveyed rubbish.

1		NON-FOOD PACKAGING - 32.1%
2		FOOD PACKAGING - 17.9%
3		BEVERAGE RELATED RUBBISH - 13.8%
4		BEVERAGE CONTAINERS - 12.1%
5		PLASTIC BAGS - 7.0%
6		HOUSEHOLD ITEMS - 6.2%
7		TOYS, SPORTING EQUIP, ROPES AND STRAPS - 3.7%
8		CHIP & CONFECTIONERY WRAPPERS - 3.5%
9		CLOTHING - 1.6%
10		CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS - 1.3%

INDIVIDUAL ITEM COUNT

*Individual Item Count Top 10 data = 53.5% [47.9% in 2018]

1		CIGARETTE BUTTS - 18.7%
2		GARBAGE/RUBBISH BAGS - 6.2%
3		PLASTIC BOTTLE CAPS & LIDS - 6.0%
4		STRAWS - 3.7%
5		NAPKINS & TISSUES - 3.6%
6		METAL BOTTLE CAPS - 3.5%
7		FOIL CONFECTIONERY WRAPPERS - 3.3%
8		SMALL PIECES OF PAPER - 3.2%
9		ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE BOTTLES - 2.7%
10		PAPER BAGS - 2.6%

NOTABLE CHANGES FROM 2018

Within grouped data:

- Illegally dumped household items rose by 4.2%, food packaging items increased by 3.9 %, beverage related rubbish increased by 3.6%, plastic bags by 2.8%, and non-returnable containers by 1.6%
- Decreases were recorded in counts of chip & confectionery wrappers [-6.2%], non-food packaging [-1.5%], and construction waste [-2%]
- In 2019, Clothing and Toys, sporting equipment, ropes & straps replaced non-identifiable and sanitary items within the Top 10 groupings.

Within Individual item counts:

- Cigarette butt counts increased by 6.4%
- Plastic bottle caps & lids rose by 1%, their metal counterparts rose by 0.7% and foil confectionery wrappers by 0.4%
- A decrease was recorded for small pieces of paper [-2.3%]
- Garbage bags, Straws, Napkins & Tissues, Alcohol bottles and paper bags came back into the Top 10, replacing broken glass, pieces of polystyrene, plastic chip & confectionery wrappers, pieces of plastic and fast food packaging.

FAVOURITE CLEAN UP SITES

Rivers/creeks and parks were the most popular sites surveyed in 2019. While we note the very high count at the one Outdoor Transport area site, Roadways more consistently yielded the highest volumes of rubbish.

Site Type	Number of sites	Number of items found	% of total waste	Average number of items per site
Rivers/Creeks	14	4,900	21%	350
Parks	14	3,661	16%	262
Beach/Coastal	10	3,174	14%	317
Roadway	11	5,444	24%	495
Bushland	9	2,058	9%	229
School Grounds	8	2,566	11%	321
Outdoor transport	1	1,082	5%	1,082
Totals	71	22,885	100%	3,056

NOTABLE CHANGES FROM 2018

Five location types recorded increased average counts in 2019:

- The outdoor transport site as noted above
- Waterways increased their count by 47% [167 in 2018]
- Beach/coastal areas nearly trebled their average counts [122 in 2018]
- Roadways increased their average count by 100
- Industrious school children increased their average counts by 84

Two locations types reported reduced average item counts:

- Parks nearly halved their counts to 262
- Bushland sites reported a reduced average of 43.