

Clean Up Australia Day
3 March 2013
Business Clean Up Day
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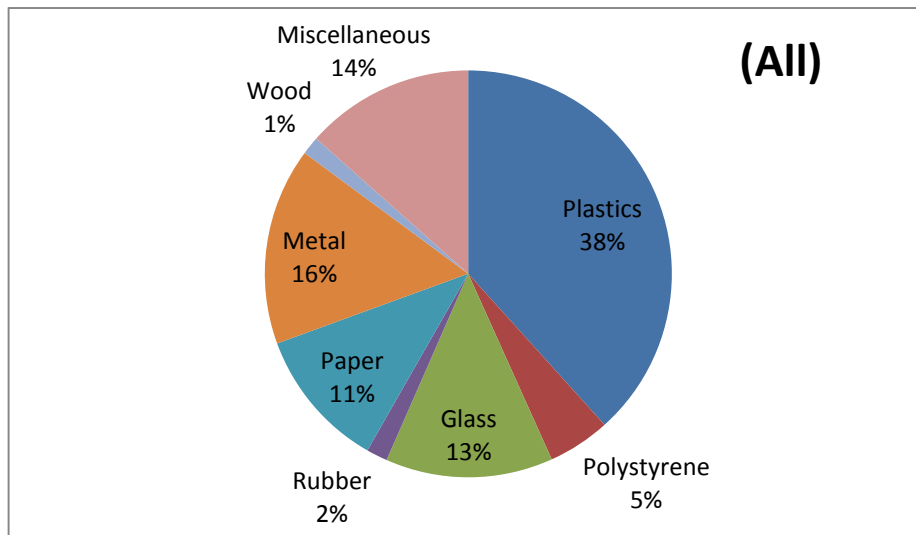


2012 RUBBISH REPORT NATIONAL

Sites Registered: 7,430
Estimated Volunteers: 595,075
Estimated Rubbish Removed: 16,346 tonnes

The 2012 Rubbish Report is a snap-shot of rubbish removed by Clean Up Australia Day volunteers. The National Report is based on rubbish surveyed from 954 sites.

SOURCES OF RUBBISH



NOTABLE CHANGES FROM 2011:

- Plastics have increased from 33% to 38%
- Metals increased to 16% [14% in 2011]
- Polystyrene and rubber both increased by 1%
- Miscellaneous items decreased from 22% to 14% in 2012. The highest item count within miscellaneous remains cigarette butts
- Glass decreased by 1%
- Wood and paper remained static.

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

	ITEM	PERCENTAGE
1	Cigarette butts	11
2	Alcoholic beverage bottles	6
3	PET drink containers	5
4	Bottle caps and lids	5
5	Glass pieces	4
6	Alcoholic beverage cans	4
7	Plastic chip and confectionary wrappers	4
8	Other plastic items	4
9	Soft drink cans	4
10	Foil confectionary wrappers	4

INTERESTING FACTS:

- Beverage containers and their lids represented 38% of all rubbish removed, and 54% of the Top 10 items. This is a rise of 5% on 2011
- Cigarette butts have consistently been the #1 item recorded each year of the Rubbish Report
- Plastic bags dropped off the Top 10 list in 2012, representing only 2% of all rubbish reported
- Small pieces of paper also dropped off the list in 2012 - accounting for 2% of the total rubbish count nationally
- Glass pieces made a new appearance in 2012.

THE MOST POLLUTED SITES

Site type	Number of Sites	Number of items found	% of states total waste	Average number of items per site
Beach/Coastal	157	46352	15	295
Parks	207	58196	18	281
Roadway	117	59136	19	505
River/Creek	201	56252	18	280
Public Bushland	101	35485	11	351
School Grounds	99	34508	11	349
Other	6	775	0	129
Shop/Malls	20	11661	4	583
Outdoor Transport	3	489	0	163
Dive site	43	13571	4	316

- While parks were the most popular site surveyed in 2012, shops and malls recorded the highest average item count per site @583 across 20 sites, closely followed by roadways @505 items
- Our waterways - beaches/rivers/creeks reflect 48% of all rubbish reported
- 19% of all rubbish removed nationally was from roadways; parks came a close second with 18%
- A new site type was added to the list in 2012 – dive sites, recording an average of 316 items per site.