

**Clean Up Australia Day**  
6 March 2016  
**Business Clean Up Day**  
1 March 2016  
**Schools Clean Up Day**  
4 March 2016



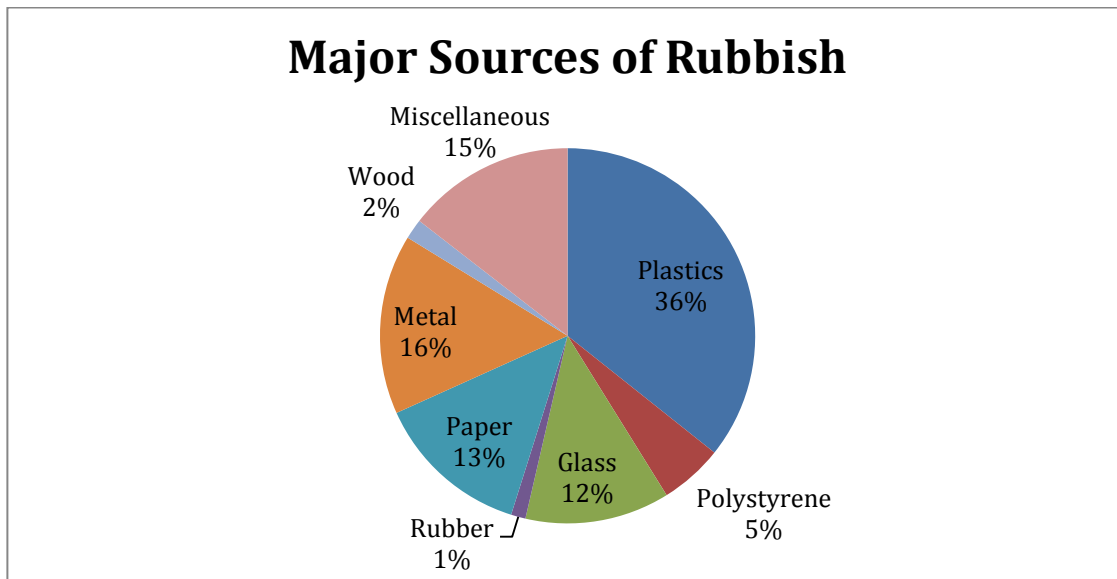
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## 2015 RUBBISH REPORT- NATIONAL

**Sites Registered:** 7,232 [6,357 in 2014]  
**Estimated Volunteers:** 536,423 [519,470 in 2014]  
**Estimated Rubbish Removed:** 15,914.8 tonnes [13,985.4 in 2014]  
**Volunteer hours:** 1,072,846 [1,038,940 in 2014]

The 2015 Rubbish Report is a snapshot of rubbish removed by Clean Up Australia Day volunteers. Nationally, the Report is based on rubbish surveyed from 724 sites.



### NOTABLE CHANGES FROM 2014

- Plastic items increased by 6% [30% in 2014]; and metals by 2%
- Two categories decreased: polystyrene by 1% and miscellaneous by 7%
- Glass, rubber and wood both remained consistent with last year

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

#### GROUPED DATA

	Item Description	%
1	Non-food packaging	24.0
2	Beverage containers	23.6
3	Food packaging	16.7
4	Beverage related rubbish	9.9
5	Chips & confectionery wrappers	6.7
6	Plastic bags	5.0
7	Other [non-identified] items	3.2
8	Sanitary items	3.1
9	Construction materials	2.4
10	Household items	2.3

#### INDIVIDUAL ITEM DATA

	Item description	%
1	Cigarette butts	11.6
2	Alcohol beverage bottles	5.6
3	Soft drink cans	4.8
4	Plastic chips and confectionery wrappers	4.6
5	Plastic bottle caps and lids	4.5
6	Alcohol beverage cans	4.0
7	PET bottles	3.5
8	Pieces of glass	3.2
9	Small pieces of paper	2.7
10	Garbage/rubbish bags	2.7

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### INTERESTING FACTS

- Grouped Top 10 data made up 97% [84.4% in 2014] of reported rubbish. Individual Item Top 10 data = 47.2% [54% in 2014]
- Within grouped data, beverage containers represented 23.6% of the whole rubbish count [25% in 2014] and 21.1% of the Top 10 individual items [15% in 2014]. Within these counts glass alcohol bottles increased by 0.6%; PET fell by 0.5%; cans rose by 2.8%. Associated beverage rubbish rose by 0.5%
- Food packaging counts significantly increased in 2015 to 16.7% [8% in 2014]
- Cigarette butt counts reduced by 8.4%
- All confectionery wrappers rose by 1.7%
- All plastic bags rose by 4%; with garbage/rubbish bags back in the individual Top 10.

### THE MOST POLLUTED SITES

Site Type	Number of site	Number of items found	% of states total waste	Average number of items per site
Waterways	133	42467	16%	319
Parks	215	60581	22%	282
Beach/Coastal	98	35020	13%	357
Roadway	174	56870	21%	327
Bushland	114	34297	13%	301
School Grounds	81	20227	7%	250
Outdoor Transport	3	1811	1%	604
Shops/malls	25	8406	3%	336
Dive Site	2	244	0%	122
Other	52	12255	5%	236

While Parks were the most popular site surveyed in 2015, Outdoor transport location recorded the highest average number of rubbish items per site of 604, which was a dramatic drop on 2014 when this location reported an average count of 9,210.

Three locations reported increased average rubbish counts in 2015:

- Parks' counts increased by 65 to 282 across 215 sites versus 217 across 156 locations in 2014
- Waterways increased average counts to 319 across 133 locations [278 across 113 sites last year]
- School grounds reported 250 items across 81 locations, versus 76 from 46 sites in 2014

Remaining locations reduced their average count in 2015:

- Roadways reduced their average count by 131 items per site [327 across 174 locations versus 458 across 132 locations]
- Beach/coastal areas reduced to 357 over 98 locations [405 across 94 sites in 2014]
- Bushland recorded 301 items over 114 sites this year versus 323 over 89 locations in 2014
- Shops/malls average count reduced to 336 from 542 from 18 sites last year]
- Other [non-specified] location reported an average of 236 items from 52 sites [329 from 52 sites last year]
- Two dive sites reported an average of 122 items this year [257 from 3 locations in 2014]

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