

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



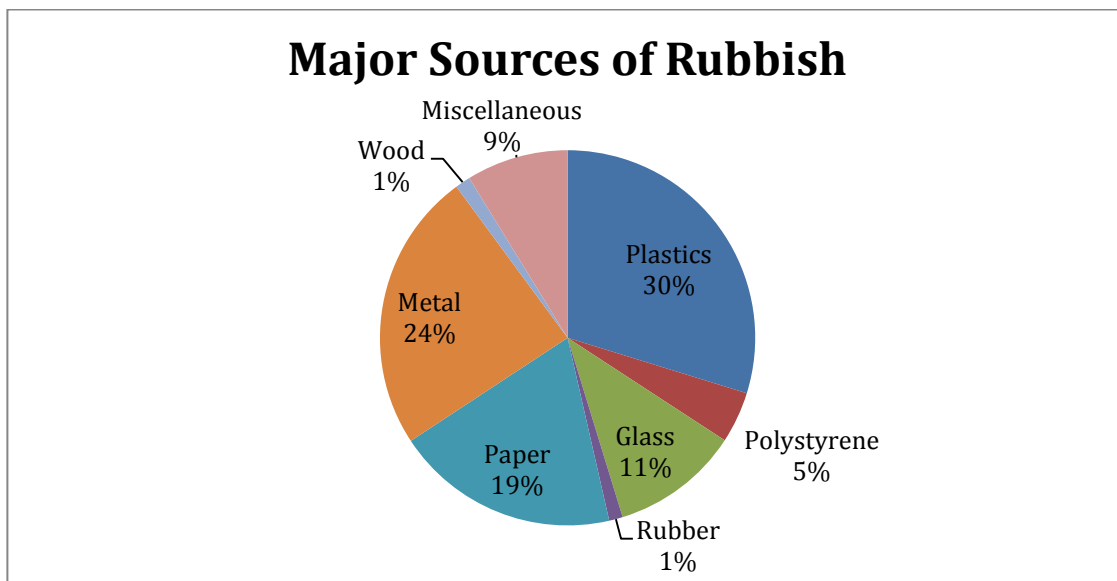
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## 2015 RUBBISH REPORT- WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**Sites Registered:** 566 [425 in 2014]  
**Estimated Volunteers:** 46,975 [32,212 in 2014]  
**Estimated Rubbish Removed:** 1,245.2 tonnes [935 in 2014]  
**Volunteer hours:** 93,950 [64,424 in 2014]

The 2015 Rubbish Report is a snapshot of rubbish removed by Clean Up Australia Day volunteers. In Western Australia, the Report is based on rubbish surveyed from 51 sites.



### NOTABLE CHANGES FROM 2014

- Plastic items increased by 4% [30% in 2014]; paper by 7%, and metals by 14%
- Four other categories decreased: glass by 1%; polystyrene by 7%; metals by 4%; plastics and polystyrene both by 2% and miscellaneous by 17%
- 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  | Beverage containers            | 26.9 |
| 2  | Food packaging                 | 19.3 |
| 3  | Other [non food] packaging     | 14.0 |
| 4  | Beverage related rubbish       | 9.1  |
| 5  | Household items                | 8.6  |
| 6  | Chips & confectionery wrappers | 5.5  |
| 7  | Plastic bags                   | 5.1  |
| 8  | Other [non-identified] items   | 4.1  |
| 9  | Sanitary items                 | 2.3  |
| 10 | Construction materials         | 2.2  |

#### INDIVIDUAL ITEM DATA

|    | Item description                      | %    |
|----|---------------------------------------|------|
| 1  | Alcoholic beverage cans               | 10.3 |
| 2  | Newspaper/books/magazines             | 7.8  |
| 3  | Cigarette butts                       | 6.5  |
| 4  | Glass alcoholic beverage bottles      | 6.3  |
| 5  | Soft drink cans                       | 4.0  |
| 6  | Bottle caps and lids                  | 3.6  |
| 7  | Single use singlet style plastic bags | 3.4  |
| 8  | Plastic chip & confectionery wrappers | 2.8  |
| 9  | Metal bottle caps                     | 2.7  |
| 10 | PET drink containers                  | 2.6  |

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### INTERESTING FACTS

- Grouped Top 10 data made up 93.4% [88% in 2014] of reported rubbish. Individual Item Top 10 data = 50% [63% in 2014]
- Within grouped data, beverage containers represented 26.9% of the whole rubbish count [23% in 2014] and 25.9% of the Top 10 individual items [33% in 2014]. Within these counts alcohol cans increased by 10.3%; glass alcohol fell by 0.7%; and PET reduced by 0.4%. Associated beverage rubbish rose by 2.3%
- Food packaging counts significantly increased in 2015 to 19.3% [11% in 2014]
- Cigarette butt counts reduced by 17.5%
- Polystyrene pieces [8% in 2014] fell off the Top 1 individual items list this year

### THE MOST POLLUTED SITES

| Site Type      | Number of site | Number of items found | % of states total waste | Average number of items per site |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Waterways      | 5              | 987                   | 5%                      | 197                              |
| Parks          | 16             | 2955.2                | 16%                     | 185                              |
| Beach/Coastal  | 10             | 3822.5                | 21%                     | 382                              |
| Roadway        | 13             | 4602.2                | 25%                     | 354                              |
| Bushland       | 8              | 3877.5                | 21%                     | 485                              |
| School Grounds | 5              | 732                   | 4%                      | 146                              |
| Shops/malls    | 2              | 392                   | 2%                      | 196                              |
| Other          | 2              | 938                   | 5%                      | 469                              |

While Parks were the most popular site surveyed in 2015, Bushland recorded the highest average number of rubbish items per site of 485 [269 in 2014]. This is a significant change.

Three other locations reported increased average rubbish counts in 2015:

- Other [non-identified] locations counts increased by more than 86% [65 in 2014]
- Beach/coastal areas increased their count to 382 across 10 locations [114 over 9 sites last year]
- Waterways increased average counts to 197 across 5 locations [128 across 6 in 2014]

Remaining locations reduced their average count in 2015:

- Roadways reduced their average count by 222 items per site [354 across 13 locations versus 576 across 12 locations]
- Parks reduced to 185 over 16 sites [669 across 10 sites in 2014]
- School grounds recorded 146 items over 5 sites this year versus 269 over 5 locations in 2014
- Shops/malls average count dramatically reduced to 196 from 2 locations [785 from 3 sites last year]

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