

Texas Litter Database

Study, Track, Remove and Prevent!

We have two ways to do litter surveys. You can do the quick and easy Take 2 for Texas Bottle Count in 2-5 minutes all total. If you're feeling like a longer trash cleanup, try the STOP survey that will take 30-45 minutes.

TAKE 2 BOTTLE COUNT *Find a spot along a waterway, then pickup bottles with speed!*

STEP 1 Set a timer for 2 minutes, then pick up as many plastic bottles as you can in this amount of time.

STEP 2 Go to the Take 2 for Texas website and report your number of bottles.



STOP (Study, Track, Remove and Prevent) SURVEY

Feeling awesome? Do the STOP survey next to be a conservation rockstar!

STEP 1 Measure or pace off a line along the shoreline or bank. Along this line, pick up every single piece of trash you see. Try to do 100 foot long lines. If that's too much, go for a shorter length (50, 25, 10 feet, etc.).

STEP 2 After you've collected all the trash, record the number of individual items on the STOP datasheet. Write down the length of your transect and be sure to get a GPS location.



Site name:

Date surveyed:

Start/ end time:

Contact name:

Contact email:

Number of people:

Length of transect (line):

Total weight of bagged trash:

Number of bottles picked up in 2 minute count:

Coordinates of survey midpoint:

Is there a trash can visible from the survey site?



(Find the middle of your survey transect along the shoreline and report the latitude/ longitude so we can map the location.)



Survey Datasheet

Hard and Solid Plastic

Examples: any "hard" plastic that is not styrofoam or plastic film

| Item | Tally | Total # |
|---------------------------------|-------|---------|
| 6 pack rings | | |
| Beverage Bottles/ Containers | | |
| Bottle/ Container Caps | | |
| Buoys and Floats | | |
| Cigar plastic tips | | |
| Cigarette butts | | |
| Disposable lighters | | |
| Fishing Lures and Line | | |
| Food Containers | | |
| Fragments | | |
| Non-Food Containers | | |
| Personal care products | | |
| Plastic Cups/ Plates | | |
| Plastic Rope/net pieces | | |
| Plastic Toys | | |
| Plastic Utensils | | |
| Shotgun Shell Casings | | |
| Straws | | |
| Other: | | |

Styrofoam

Examples: styrofoam cups, to-go boxes, egg cartons, insulation pieces

| Item | Tally | Total # |
|--------------------------------------|---|---------|
| Estimated Styrofoam Fragments | Circle best estimate category 0- 100 101-1000 Over 1000 | |
| Styrofoam Cups/ Plates | | |
| Fishing Floats | | |
| Food Wrappers | | |
| Other Jugs/ Containers | | |
| Personal care products | | |
| Other: | | |

Plastic Films

Examples: chip bags, clear wrappers, candy wrappers

| Item | Tally | Total # |
|---|---|---------|
| Estimated Plastic Film Fragments | Circle best estimate category 0- 100 101-1000 Over 1000 | |
| Shopping or Trash Bags | | |
| Food or Drink Wrappers | | |
| Latex Balloons | | |
| Mylar Balloons | | |
| Personal care products | | |
| Ribbon | | |
| Other: | | |

Metal

Examples: any metal including foil, aluminum, iron, tin, etc.

| Item | Tally | Total # |
|--------------------|-------|---------|
| Aluminum Foil | | |
| Aluminum/ Tin cans | | |
| Aerosol cans | | |
| Crab/ Fish traps | | |
| Metal Bottle Caps | | |
| Metal Fragments | | |
| Other: | | |

Glass

| Item | Tally | Total # |
|------------------|-------|---------|
| Beverage Bottles | | |
| Jars | | |
| Glass Fragments | | |
| Other: | | |

Rubber

| Item | Tally | Total # |
|------------------------|-------|---------|
| Flip flops/ Shoe soles | | |
| Work (Thick) Gloves | | |
| Rubber Fragments | | |
| Tires | | |
| Other: | | |

PPE

Examples: any wearable object used to protect the wearer from illness

| Item | Tally | Total # |
|-----------------------|-------|---------|
| PPE Disposable Gloves | | |
| PPE Face Masks | | |
| Other: | | |

Paper/ Lumber

Examples: any **MAN MADE** products made from trees/ wood

| Item | Tally | Total # |
|----------------------------|-------|---------|
| Cardboard cartons | | |
| Lumber Products | | |
| Paper/ Cardboard Scraps | | |
| Paper Bags | | |
| Other: | | |

Cloth/ Fabric

| Item | Tally | Total # |
|------------------------|-------|---------|
| Clothing and shoe tops | | |
| Fabric Pieces | | |
| Gloves (non rubber) | | |
| Rope/ nets NON NYLON | | |
| Towels/ rags | | |
| Other: | | |

| Other/ Unclassifiable (write in below) | Total # |
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