

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 #