

Urban Streets Trash Assessment -- Quantitative Trash Datasheet

Collect trash from the public right of way along the whole block (from 3 ft in the road to the obvious public access limit on adjacent property). Collect trash and sort in the lab, or bring supplies to sort in the field. Do not survey within 48 hrs after a >0.1" rain, street sweeping or clean-up event unless you are interested in trash transport during rains, or trash leakage during cleanup/management (e.g., street sweeping).

Organization name: _____ Date: _____
 Team members: _____
 Street name: _____ City, State: _____
 Site name: _____
 Cross street at start of block: _____ at end of block: _____
 Photographs of trash or people? (circle one) Yes No

Tier 1: Total trash amounts

Total volume (L)	
Total weight (Kg)	

Tier 2: Major categories of trash (only pick up and sort items that can easily fit into a trash bag, between 0.5 - 30 cm)

Trash categories:	plastics	paper, cardboard	metal	glass	wood, lumber	natural fiber or cloth	ceramic, brick	other:	other:
volume (L)									
weight (kg)									

Tier 3⁺: Plastics assessment*: volume (L) and weight (kg) of common items. Tier 4⁺: If a brand or point of sale can be determined, enter the name and measure total volume of items after sorting

Brand or point of sale (volume or count)

Type of plastic	Total volume (L)	Total weight (kg)	Total count (per block area)	Brand/POS unknown	Brand/POS 1	Brand/POS 2	Brand/POS 3	Brand/POS 4	Brand/POS 5	Brand/POS 6	Brand/POS 7	Brand/POS 8	Brand/POS 9	Brand/POS 10
single use bag (thin)														
single use bag (thick)														
straws														
cup lid plug, stirrers														
wrappers, snack bags														
polystyrene plates, containers														
polystyrene cups														
single use plastic plates, containers														
single use plastic cups														
waxed paper plates, containers														
waxed paper cups														
utensils														
Other: _____														
Other: _____														

+ Consider recording count data in the NOAA Marine Debris Trash Tracker App

* Assessments may also be made of other materials of interest to your group (e.g., metal such as aluminum cans, bottle caps, automotive parts)