

Plastic/polystyrene

All items on this side of the sheet are identified as plastic or polystyrene



4/6 pack yokes

Four or six-pack rings/yokes are connected and hold together multi-packs of drinks cans



Bag ends

The part that remains after tearing-off single-use carrier bags in supermarkets



Biobeads

Tiny plastic pellets used in filtration process in wastewater treatment plants. Usually wrinkled, knobby or ridged



Biofilm support media

The plastic material upon which microorganisms grow, typically used in waste water treatment



Caps/lids

Plastic caps and lids from bottles/containers, used to seal drinks. Includes plastic to which they are tethered



Cigarette stubs

The remaining part of a cigarette, commonly made from synthetic plastic cellulose



Combs/hair brushes/sunglasses

Plastic items used for untangling hair, as well as plastic glasses



Cutlery/trays/straws

Single-use plastic knives, forks, take-away trays and straws



Fishboxes (polystyrene)

Used for packaging fish or other seafood. There's also a place on your form for wooden and plastic



Fishing line (angling)

Colourful, thin and wiry nylon thread, sometimes attached to a bait hook, used for catching fish



Fishing net/net pieces: 0-50cm

Plastic twine, cord, or something similar, used typically for catching fish



Fishing net/net pieces: 50cm+

Plastic twine, cord, or something similar, used typically for catching fish



Foamed polystyrene fragments

Unidentifiable polystyrene items. Use the ruler at the bottom of the form to record the size



Food container - foamed polystyrene

Containers storing food, such as fast food containers, lunchboxes, etc



Food container - plastic

Plastic containers used for carrying or storing food, such as fast-food containers, Tupperware, lunchboxes, etc



Injection gun cartridge (e.g. sealant)

Cartridge made of plastic for devices used to inject grease, silicone, or other fluids. Includes their nozzles



Jerry cans

Containers with a handle used for storing or transporting liquids, typically petrol or water



Lobster & fish tags

Used to mark fish and shellfish such as lobsters, often with a serial number



Lobster/crab pots & traps

Used to catch crustaceans. Most feature a net covering and a cone-shaped entrance tunnel



Nurdles

Small, colourful plastic pellets, about the size of a lentil - 'virgin' plastic from which nearly all plastic goods are formed



Octopus pot

Pots made of plastic or PVC tubing, weighted with concrete, and typically having a volume of 4 litres



Oyster nets/mussel bags

Plastic net sack for growing (underwater) shellfish. These bags can have different sizes and shapes



Oyster trays

Tray made of square mesh for growing oysters. Sometimes stacked, with or without feet, doors, v-braces and hooks



Packaging/plastic sheeting

Large plastic packaging or sheeting used for the protection/covering/wrapping of cargo objects



Packets: crisp/sweet/lolly (incl. sticks)/ sandwich

Plastic food packets and wrappers in various styles and shapes



Plastic fragments (range of sizes)

Unidentifiable plastic items. Use the ruler at the bottom of the form to record the size



Sheeting from mussel culture (Tahitians)

Plastic sheeting which is cut on one side into strips. Used to protect mussel farms from animals



Shoes/sandals

Various types of footwear such as shoes and sandals made of plastic



Shotgun Cartridges

These consist of a plastic tube mounted on a brass base and can come in a range of colours



Strapping bands

Used for fastening any type of package. Usually made of quite hard plastic. Comes in a range of colours



String & cord (diameter <1cm)

Threads made of plastic twisted together into a length. Not to be confused with fishing net pieces.



Tangled dolly rope

Tangles of blue, black or orange rope that are used to protect bottom trawling nets against wear and tear



Tangled nets/cord/rope/string

Tangled pieces of plastic open-meshed material made of twine, cord etc. Typically used for fishing



Toys/party poppers/fireworks/dummies

Any plastic object that children play with, as well as toys used on the beach

Rubber



Tyres used as fenders
Rubber tyres used as boat or dock bumpers will often be pierced with rope or metal chains

Glass



Glass (other)
Fragments of glass items that cannot be identified should go in other and be recorded as 'pieces'

Medical



Containers/tubes (inc. pill packages)
Any packaging of pharmaceutical solids and liquids e.g. pain killer packets or blister packs

Cloth



Clothing/shoes/towels
Any type of clothes, garments and headwear made of natural or artificial materials



Furnishings
Fabric used for furniture, fittings, and other decorative house accessories such as curtains



Sacking
Sacks and other packaging items that are made of a strong, coarse fabric

Metal



Caps/lids
Metallic caps and lids from bottles and containers, including the pull tabs from cans



Fishing weights/hooks/lines
Weights increase sink rate of lures/hooks. Lures are metal hooks with bright mounts



Loxster/crab pots & tops
Wire or metal and netting with opening for lobster or crab entry into tunnel

Sanitary



Condoms
A thin rubber sheath. Within this category also any packaging should also be recorded



Cotton bud sticks (plastic or cardboard)
Short stick with parallel notches at each end where cotton wool would have been attached



Tampons & applicators
Tampons and plastic applicators that have been incorrectly flushed down the toilet



Toilet fresheners
Attached inside toilet bowls to keep it smelling fresh. Usually made of plastic



Towels/panty liners/ backing strips
Can be found on beaches when being incorrectly flushed down the toilet



Wet wipes
Disposable synthetic cloth, often found on beaches when incorrectly flushed down the toilet

Paper/ cardboard



Cartons (Purepak e.g. milk)
Containers made of carton with a plastic-lining used for food products. Check for logo



Cartons (Tetrapak e.g. juice)
Similar container made of paperboard with a plastic-lining used for food products. Check for logo

Pottery/ ceramics



Construction material (e.g. tiles)
Ceramic materials used in construction, such as bricks, roof tiles, floor tiles, and cement



Octopus pots
Pots made of pottery, weighted with concrete, and typically having a volume of 4 litres. Used to trap octopus

Wood



Crab/lobster pots and tops
Stationary wooden traps used to catch crustaceans such as lobsters and crabs Usually covered in a net



Fishboxes
Boxes used for packaging fish or other seafood. There's separate options for plastic and polystyrene



Lolly stick/chip fork
Includes sticks from ice-creams, small wooden forks from fast food suppliers (chip forks), chopsticks and toothpicks

We know some items are hard to categorise - here is a photo guide to some common tricky items and where to put them on your form



Disposable vape
Plastic - other



Dental floss stick
Sanitary - other



Receipts
Paper - other



Tissues
Paper - other



Hair bands & bobbles
Cloth - clothing



Goggles, arm bands, snorkels
Plastic - toys



Balls & sports equipment
Plastic - toys



Metal nails
Metal - other (0-50cm)



Dog poo bags (empty)
Plastic - bags (small)



Nitrous oxide
Metal - other (0-50cm)