

Where does it all come from?

● This list is **for reference only** to help you see where all this litter comes from.

1 Plastic / polystyrene	
4/6 pack yokes	Public
Bag ends	Non-sourced
Bags (e.g. shopping)	Public
Bags: Mesh (e.g. vegetable)	Shipping
Bags: Small (e.g. freezer / vegetable)	Public
Bottles / containers / drums: Other	Non-sourced
Bottles / containers: cleaner	Shipping
Bottles / containers: drinks	Public
Bottles / containers: toiletries / cosmetics	Public
Buckets	Non-sourced
Caps / lids	Public
Car parts	Fly-tipped
Cigarette lighters / tobacco pouches	Public
Combs / hair brushes / sunglasses	Public
Containers: Food (inc. fast food)	Public
Crates	Shipping
Cups	Public
Cutlery / trays / straws	Public
Fertiliser / animal feed bags	Non-sourced
Fibreglass	Non-sourced
Fishboxes	Fishing
Fishing line (angling)	Fishing
Fishing net & net pieces: 0-50 cm	Fishing
Fishing net & net pieces: 50 cm +	Fishing
Floats / Buoys	Fishing
Foam / sponge / insulation	Non-sourced
Gloves (e.g. washing up)	Non-sourced
Gloves (industrial/professional)	Fishing
Hard hats	Shipping
Injection gun cartridge (e.g. sealant)	Shipping
Jerry cans	Fishing
Light / glow sticks (tubes with fluid)	Non-sourced
Lobster & fish tags	Fishing
Lobster / crab pots & tops	Fishing
Octopus pots	Fishing
Oil containers / drums: 0-50 cm	Shipping
Oil containers / drums: 50 cm +	Shipping
Oyster nets / mussel bags (inc. plastic stoppers)	Fishing
Oyster trays (round from oyster cultures)	Fishing
Packaging / plastic sheeting (industrial)	Shipping
Packets: Crisp / sweet / lolly (inc sticks) / sandwich	Public
Pens & pen lids	Public
Plastic / polystyrene pieces: 0 - 2.5 cm	Non-sourced
Plastic / polystyrene pieces: 2.5 - 50 cm	Non-sourced
Plastic / polystyrene pieces: 50 cm +	Non-sourced
Sheeting from mussel culture (Tahitians)	Fishing
Shoes / sandals	Public
Shotgun cartridges	Public
Strapping bands	Shipping
String / cord / rope: thickness 0-1 cm	Fishing
String / cord / rope: thickness 1 cm +	Shipping
Tangled nets / cord / rope / string	Fishing
Toys / party poppers / fireworks / dummies	Public
Other	Non-sourced

2 Rubber	
Balloons (inc string, valves, ribbons)	Public
Boots	Fishing
Tyres & engine belts	Fly-tipped
Tyres used as fenders	Fishing
Other	Non-sourced

3 Cloth	
Clothing / shoes / towels	Public
Furnishings	Fly-tipped
Sacking	Non-sourced
Shoes (leather)	Public
Other	Non-sourced

4 Paper / cardboard	
Bags	Public
Cardboard	Non-sourced
Cartons (purepak e.g. milk)	Shipping
Cartons (tetrapak e.g. juice)	Public
Cigarette packets	Public
Cigarette stubs	Public
Cups	Public
Newspapers / magazines	Public
Other	Non-sourced

5 Wood (machined)	
Corks	Public
Crab / lobster pots & tops	Fishing
Crates	Shipping
Fish boxes	Fishing
Lolly sticks / chip forks	Public
Paint brushes	Non-sourced
Pallets	Shipping
Other 0-50 cm	Non-sourced
Other 50+ cm	Non-sourced

6 Metal	
Aerosol / spray cans	Shipping
Appliances	Fly-tipped
BBQs (disposable)	Public
Cans (drink)	Public
Cans (food)	Shipping
Caps / lids	Public
Fishing weights / hooks / lures	Fishing
Foil wrappers	Public
Lobster / crab pots & tops	Fishing
Oil drums	Shipping
Paint tins	Non-sourced
Scrap	Fly-tipped
Wire / mesh / barbed wire	Non-sourced
Other 0-50 cm	Non-sourced
Other 50+ cm	Non-sourced

7 Glass	
Bottles	Public
Light bulbs / tubes	Shipping
Other	Non-sourced

8 Pottery / ceramics	
Construction material (e.g. tiles)	Fly-tipped
Octopus pots	Fishing
Other	Non-sourced

9 Sanitary	
Condoms	Sewage R.D.
Cotton bud sticks	Sewage R.D.
Tampons & applicators	Sewage R.D.
Toilet fresheners	Sewage R.D.
Towels / panty liners / backing strips	Sewage R.D.
Wet wipes	Sewage R.D.
Other	Sewage R.D.

10 Medical	
Containers / tubes (inc. pill packets)	Medical
Syringes & needles	Medical
Other	Medical

11 Faeces	
Bagged dog faeces	Public

12 Pollutants	
Paraffin / wax pieces: 0-1cm	Non-sourced
Paraffin / wax pieces: 1-10cm	Non-sourced
Paraffin / wax pieces: 10cm +	Non-sourced
Other	Non-sourced

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