

DIY DATA + ACTION litter clean-up



Thank you for collecting litter and data! Please bring all Safety and Cleanup Supplies.
 --> Read our Safety Guide: cafeteriaculture.org/safety-guidelines

Step 1: PREP for Cleanup / Data Collection

- Pick a Location.** Make sure it is safe and easy to reach.
- Scout the Location.** Check for anything dangerous to avoid.
- Cleanup Plan.** Plan to properly dispose of all litter. Check your local government website to see what you can recycle.

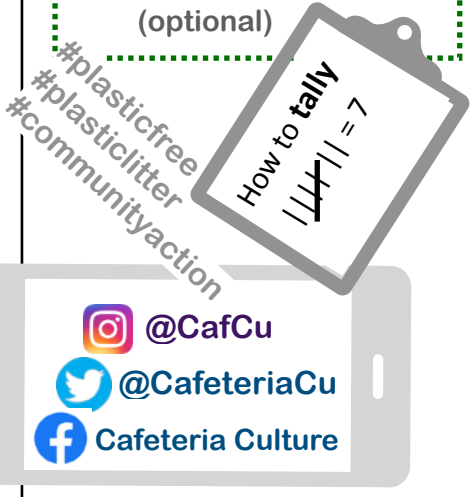
Step 2: DAY OF Cleanup / Data Collection

- Mark Boundaries of Cleanup Area.** Estimate the length and width of area and note location details in box below.
- Take BEFORE Photos** of litter and location details.
- Collect Litter / Collect Data.** Option 1: Tally as you collect (works best with 2+ people); Option 2: First collect all the litter, then sort litter into categories. Tally and record the number of pieces in each group.
- Take AFTER Photos.** Arrange sorted piles of litter. Take at least two photos of all sorted litter, + an extra fun photo to share on social media.
- Note the Brands & Colors.** Examples: "Bottles: Arizona, Coke; Straws: Starbucks, McDonalds."

Step 3: AFTER the Cleanup / Data Collection

- Dispose** of all litter properly and **recycle** what you can.
- Upload your data and photos** to Cafeteria Culture.
- Post photos on social media!** Tag policymakers & @CafCu!

- SUPPLIES: Safety**
- face mask
 - work gloves
 - hand sanitizer
 - first aid kit (optional)
- Cleanup / Data**
- pencil
 - clipboard
 - camera /or phone
 - cardboard boxes for trash + recyclables
 - tongs/grabber (optional)



(*To find GPS Coordinates on phone, go to default Maps app, tap location arrow, tap blue dot, swipe up.)

LOCATION DETAILS

Address: _____

Street/Beach Name _____

Size of cleanup area _____ ft X _____ ft

**GPS Coordinates (optional)

Longitude/Latitude _____

Date _____

Name _____

Organization _____

Start Time _____ End Time _____

Weather (circle all that apply): sunny cloudy rainy windy breezy snowy hot warm mild cold freezing other _____

Location Description (circle all that apply): residential, businesses, school, bus stop, bench, litter basket, tree pits (no fencing), tree pits (w/fencing), other _____


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DATA SHEET



“Community Science” - local data for plastic free solutions.

Example: Plastic straws: ||||| 7 3 x McDonalds, 2x Starbucks

	CATEGORY and tally marks	TOTAL	NOTES
HARD PLASTIC	Plastic Drink bottles <i>(water, soda, juice, tea)</i>		
	Other hard plastic bottles/jugs		
	Plastic bottle caps		
	Plastic straws + stirrers		
	Plastic Utensils <i>(forks, spoons, knives)</i>		
	Plastic cups		
	Plastic lids <i>(for coffee, cold cups)</i>		
	Other hard plastic <i>(lighters, pens)</i>		
	Plastic fragments <i>(1 inch & larger)</i>		
SOFT PLASTIC	Soft plastic food wrapping <i>(chip bags, candy wrappers)</i>		
	Non-food soft plastic		
	Plastic carry-out bags		
MIX	Cigarette butts		
	Personal hygiene <i>(bandages, etc.)</i>		
styro FOAM	Cups, plates + containers		
	Foam fragments		
COVID PPE	Masks		
	Gloves		
	Wipes		
OTHER	Paper		
	Metal <i>(caps, foil, cans)</i>		
	Glass		
	Fishing Line		
Something else? ->			

Items of concern + description (dead animals, items of local concern, large or unusual items): If you encounter any hazardous items, such sharp objects, or injured animals, DO NOT interact with them. If it needs to be moved, ask an adult. Be aware of any local safety hazards, ex. power lines or poison ivy.