

Examples of Litter Items for the 80 "Large Litter" Categories

1. BEVERAGES

1. Beer/malt can

beer, malt liquor, or malt beverage

2. Beer/malt bottle

beer, malt liquor, or malt beverage; include plastic bottle

3. Wine/liquor glass bottle

wine, wine coolers, liquor, and pre-mixed, pre-packaged liquor drinks such as whiskey and lemonade

4. Wine/liquor plastic bottle

as above, plastic

5. Soda can

carbonated beverages such as cola, etc.

6. Soda glass bottle

carbonated beverages such as cola, etc.

7. Soda plastic bottle

carbonated beverages such as cola, etc.

8. Sport/juice cans

fruit or vegetable juices, iced teas, health shakes, health drinks, chocolate drinks, etc.

9. Sport/juice glass bottle

as above, glass

10. Sport/juice plastic bottle

as above, plastic

11. Water plastic bottle

bottled water

12. Aseptic box

drink boxes made of a combination of paper, plastic and foil that contain fruit juice, punch, milk, health drinks, etc.

13. Foil pouch

pouches made of a combination of paper, plastic, and foil that contain fruit drinks, etc.

14. Gable top paper

paper cartons that contain milk, tea, orange juice, some candies, etc.

15. Milk jugs/water/juice (HDPE)

clear or yellow HDPE plastic containers that hold milk, juice, tea, water, etc.

16. Broken glass container

any broken glass beverage container that can't be identified to another category

17. Six-pack plastic ring

plastic rings holding together six-packs (or four-packs) of beer, soda, or other containers

2. CUPS

1. Plastic disposable cup

any plastic cups not intended for reuse

2. Plastic reusable cup

thick plastic cups intended for reuse such as souvenir cups

3. Polystyrene foam cups

cups from restaurants, take-out food, convenience stores, etc., composed of various types of polystyrene foam

4. Paper cup

as above, composed primarily of paper

5. Plastic cup lids

various types of plastic lids used on beverage cups or other containers

3. FOOD WRAPS

1. Paper wrap

paper wraps such as take-out food wrappers, freezer paper, etc.

2. Paper/foil composite

primarily food wraps that are paper and foil combined such as some hamburger wrappers (see also 12.1)

3. Plastic composite

food wraps primarily made of plastic

4. TRAYS

1. Paper tray

any tray made of a heavy paper or paperboard such as produce trays

2. Plastic/Polystyrene foam tray

meat, fruit, deli, bakery trays, etc.

5. FAST FOOD EXTRAS

1. Condiment package

catsup, mustard, duck sauce, etc.

2. Utensils

plastic spoons, forks, knives, etc.

6. PLATES

1. Paper plate

take-out food or picnic plates, etc.

2. Plastic or polystyrene-foam plate

take-out food or picnic plates, etc.

7. BAGS

1. Plastic zipper/sandwich

plastic bags that are pleated or zip-sealed sandwich bags

2. Plastic retail

bags from retail, convenience, grocery stores, etc.

3. Plastic trash bag

garbage bags

4. Plastic bag, food

bags for packaging food such as bread bags, etc.

5. Plastic bags other

any other plastic bags such as newspaper bags, ice bags, feed bags

6. Paper bag take-out food/fast food

small paper bags for packaging fast food, restaurant, convenience store food; includes take-out French-fry boxes

7. Paper retail bag

large paper bags, grocery, office supply store, clothing store, other

8. Paper bag other
any other non-food paper bags

8. CONTAINERS

1. Corrugated cardboard box
corrugated cardboard boxes such as pizza boxes, storage boxes, etc.

2. Paperboard box, food
any container composed of a low-density paperboard material such as cereal, pastry or deli boxes, chicken buckets, French fry cartons, egg cartons, etc.

3. Paperboard box, non-food
any paperboard container that held non-food items

4. Paper beverage casing
beverage cases of paperboard or corrugated cardboard such as 12, 18 or 24 pack casings

5. Plastic/foam clam shell
polystyrene foam or plastic clam-shell container such as egg cartons, restaurant or deli carryout, hamburger boxes, etc.

6. Plastic jars/bottles/boxes
plastic containers used to contain a wide variety of products such as peanut butter, yogurt, pill bottles, oil bottles, etc.

7. Glass jars/bottles
glass containers used to contain any non-beverage products

8. Cans – steel
steel cans containing food as well as other products such as household paint or chemicals

9. Cans – aluminum
non-beverage aluminum cans containing food as well as other products such as household paint or chemicals

10. Aerosol can

11. Container lids (except cup lids—see 2.5)
any screw on, pop down, plastic or metal lid to a bottle, jar, yogurt container, can, aerosol can, etc.

9. PACKAGING

1. Snacks
any snack food packaging such as chip bags, gum wrappers, candy bar wrappers, cookie bags, cereal bar wrappers, toaster pastry wrappers, etc.

2. Plastic packaging, food
plastic packaging not mounted to paper where during manufacturing, the product is placed in and the plastic sealed around the whole product such as shrink wrap packaging on soft drinks, ramen noodles, cookie trays, etc.; includes convenience foods in zip-lock packaging such as tortillas

3. Other plastic packaging
as above for non-food items

4. Paper package or packing material
paper packaging used for either the package itself such as sugar bags, or as packing material such as crinkled paper used inside a box to cushion contents; also price tags, clothing tags, paper labels

5. Plastic/paper combo
a combination of paper and plastic packaging such as battery packaging or mounting hardware for pictures

6. Polystyrene foam
polystyrene foam packing used as cushioning material to protect products (record polystyrene foam peanuts under Small Items)

7. Foil (sealable wrap)
sealable foil wrap used for packaging or wrapping non-food items such as toner wrapping, etc.

10. PAPER

1. Towel/napkin/tissue
paper towel, napkins, tissue

2. Newspaper/book/magazine/advertisement
pieces or entire items

3. Stationery/school/business
letters, school papers, receipts (handwritten or cash register), public notices, business cards, lottery tickets, etc.

11. TOBACCO

1. Cigarette/cigar-related items such as cigarette/cigar boxes, cartons, packages, films from packages, cigar wrappers

2. Dip/chew/snuff
containers, pouches, snuff boxes, and other related **non-smokable** products/packaging (includes nicotene patch pkgs)

12. OTHER

1. Foil/pie tins
ready-made pie tins, foil food wraps (but see 9.1)

Miscellaneous

The following material types classify items whose original use cannot be identified:

2. Paper
3. Paperboard
4. Corrugated cardboard
5. Hard plastic (includes plastic rope)
6. Plastic film (includes tape, flagging, ribbon)
7. Polystyrene foam
8. Glass
9. Metal

10. Roofing/tarpaper

11. Insulation

12. Wood/lumber
planks, fiberboard, any manufactured wood

13. Misc. construction/road debris
road or house construction related materials (except as in previous 3 categories), PVC piping, tarps, etc.

14. Vehicle debris
parts of a vehicle such as reflectors, mirrors, name plates, hubcaps, etc. (NOT tires)

15. Tires
whole tires, pieces of tires, innertube pieces

16. Textiles
clothing, carpets

17. Home/garden items
tools, dishes, toys, keys, shoes, pencils, pens, cigarette lighters, matches, cassette tapes, videos, jewelry, lampshades, etc.

18. Other

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