

CoastWalk Data By Plastic Type Number

The data below describes some common plastic products collected during the 2012 CoastWalk in Kachemak Bay. Items collected during the clean up are divided into categories based upon typical uses of the item, rather than plastic type number. However, because certain types of plastic are used commonly for certain products, it is possible to make a guess as to the likely plastic type(s) for each category.

	Number of Pieces	Likely Plastic Type
Plastic Beverage Bottles	354	#1
Fishing Line	90	#1, #7
Bleach/Cleaner Bottles	19	#2
Motor Lubricant & Oil Bottles	20	#2
Buoys/Floats	52	#2, #3, #6
Bags (Paper & Plastic)	669	#2, #4
Shotgun Shells/Wadding	168	#2, #4
Bait Containers/Packaging	16	#2, #4
Caps, Lids	432	#2, #4, #5
Fishing Lures	20	#3, others
6-pack Holders	78	#4
Plastic Sheeting/Tarps	62	#4, #7
Straws, Stirrers	242	#5
Cups, Plates, & Utensils	186	#5, #6 (some #1, #2)
Fishing Nets	22	#5, #7
Rope/cable	216	#5, #7
Strapping Bands	48	#5, #7
Diapers	20	#5, others
Food Wrappers/Containers	525	#6, #5, #4
Tobacco Packaging/Wrappers	61	#6, #5, #4
Foam pieces	3102	#6, #7
Cigarettes/Cigarette Filters	4019	#7
Building Materials	261	#7, others

Information on types of plastic used in common categories of marine debris from: NOAA Marine Debris Program. NOAA Marine Debris Program, Marine Debris Monitoring and Assessment Project. *Marine debris survey photo manual*. http://marinedebris.noaa.gov/sites/default/files/photo_guide.pdf