

Trash Audit Chart

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RECYCLABLES

Paper

Plastic

Metal/Glass

EXAMPLE

Final Trash Audit Tally

Record the number of items, by category, from most to least

Item category	#
Paper towel	10 clumps
Food scraps	4 small organic bins' worth
Craft paper	15 sheets
Personal hygiene items (e.g., cue-tips, tissues)	10
Food boxes (e.g., cereal, Kraft dinner, pasta, frozen food)	9
Food bags (e.g., salad, cereal, frozen food, bread)	8
Cans (from food products)	8
Canned drinks	8
Plastic wrap	6 pieces
Unwanted mail/flyers	5
Candy/chip packaging	5
Plastic drink containers (e.g., milk juice)	3
Caps from food products	3
Personal care packaging (e.g., shampoo, toothbrushes)	2
Cleaning product bottles	3
Plastic spinach boxes	2
Old pens, pencils, markers	1
Misc broken items (e.g., trinkets)	1
Shipping packaging	1
Large yoghurt tubs	1

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Item category

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Trash Audit next steps

Observations/Questions

Related next action step

