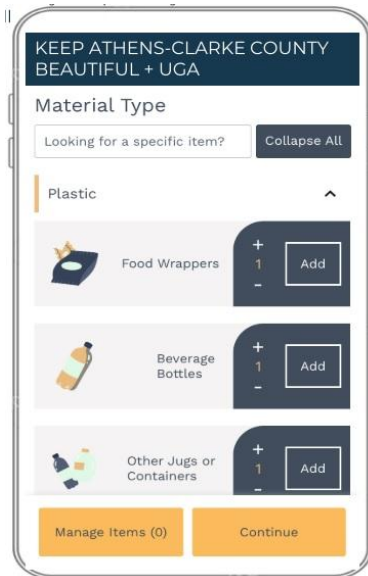


## 2021 KACCB Litter Index

Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful (KACCB) is excited to partner with UGA's Debris Tracker for this year's Litter Index. To participate, volunteers should track items using the *Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful +UGA* list between June 1 and July 16, 2021. Track litter wherever you are or choose from our list of target survey areas. Questions? Call 706-613-3501 ext. 7872 or email [stacy.smith@accgov.com](mailto:stacy.smith@accgov.com) or [accgov.com/litterindex](http://accgov.com/litterindex).



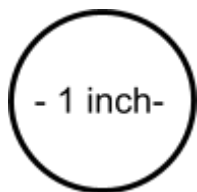
### How to use Debris Tracker to Complete your Litter Index

- Get started by downloading the free Debris Tracker app on Android or iOS at [www.debristracker.org](http://www.debristracker.org). The Litter Index data collection window is June 1 to July 15, but the Debris Tracker app is available year-round.
- During the Litter Index, we are asking volunteers to walk and collect litter and data for 30 minutes. You can track wherever you like or go to [www.keepathensbeautiful.org/litterindex](http://www.keepathensbeautiful.org/litterindex) to see our list of targeted sites. Don't worry about selecting an especially littered area, it is important that surveys reflect both roadways that are littered and those that are not!
- You can track on your own, pair up with a partner so one person can pick up while the other logs, or assign one volunteer to track litter as a part of a larger cleanup.
- To begin tracking, open the app and allow it to access your location. Select "Start Tracking" and select the "Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful + UGA" list.
- Scroll through the categories to see litter items. You can also search for specific litter items with the search bar at the top of the screen.
- Record the number of items you find of each litter type by tapping the "Add" button. You can use the +/- buttons to change the number or click directly on the number to type in the amount.
- If you click Manage Items, you can see a map of what you've tracked so far. Here, you can also delete items if you've added something accidentally.
- When you're done tracking, click "Continue." You'll see a summary of what you've collected. You can also add photos to your log. When you're ready, click "Upload Session." If you haven't already logged in, you'll be asked to log in or sign up for an account. You can register through email or SciStarter.
- Wait for your data upload to go through. You'll see a checkmark when it's complete. You're all done!

## Why Use the Debris Tracker for the Litter Index?

To effectively fight litter, we need information about it in our community. Where is it accumulating? Where did it originate? The Debris Tracker app can provide valuable information and help Athens-Clarke County effectively manage resources and create policies to keep litter off our streets and out of our waterways. Having many eyes on all areas of Athens will be essential for understanding the issue and creating solutions for a cleaner and more beautiful community.

## Guidelines for Tracking Litter



Record items that are over 1 inch in diameter.

If the item is fragmented but you can tell what it originally was, log it as the original item. This will help us identify what products are sources of litter. For example, log a piece of a chip wrapper as a plastic food wrapper rather than a fragment.

If the brand of the item is identifiable, tap on the icon to open the description box. Use the description box to add in the brand name.

If you come across an item you're not familiar with, use the "Other" item and add a description of the item.

You can also add photos to your log and share on social media to encourage others to get involved.

## Here are some options for getting organized:

Clean As You Go: Track in pairs and have one person log items in Debris Tracker while the other partner cleans up .

Clean First, Log Later: Sometimes it may be easier to pick up all the litter and then sort and count what you found all at once. If you're in the same location where you collected the litter, you can sort and log the data in the Debris Tracker app. If you're sorting in a different location than where you've collected litter, log in to your account on [debristracker.org](http://debristracker.org) and select "Manually upload data." You can enter the quantity and type of items you've found - just like in the app - and then select the location where the data was collected on a map.

### Stay Safe!

Be mindful of traffic and other hazards while you collect litter. If you cannot safely reach or pick up a piece of litter, leave it there.

Use gloves or a litter grabber to collect trash. Avoid touching anything sharp or hazardous.

Wash your hands or use sanitizer after collecting litter.

Follow all local health department guidelines on mask wearing and social distancing when in groups.