

## Good practices in Italy 19/2019

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### **Description:**

Legambiente made an investigation on urban parks where cases of neglect and waste abandonment has been noticed. The investigation has been made on a 100 square meter area, only counting materials bigger than 2.5 cm. Then they have been classified according to specific categories, with respect to the kind of object considered and the material it was made of.

Before the monitoring activity a card with all the characteristics of the park area is filled out. The volunteers who carried on the activities collected more than 23.000 objects in 71 urban parks. Meanwhie they were monitoring the area they also cleaned it.

37% of the garbage found is cigarette butts, 9% is paper, 7% is flip-top cans and bottle caps and 6% is plastic. Also the spot where the garbage was found the most are benches.

What is important to underline about this activity is that some part of the responsibility for the amount of abandoned waste is related to unsuitable wastebaskets. 90% of the parks have them, but only 13% of them are for separate collection. Seven of the investigated urban parks do not have wastebaskets at all. Another important characteristic of the baskets is a cover preventing the waste from dispersion mostly due to the wind: only 19 parks out of 71 have them.