

Data Card for Balloon & Attachments Litter

Please help Clean Virginia Waterways and the Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center collect data about balloons as litter.



Geographic scope of study: Virginia only.
Period of study: Two years: April 22, 2012 through April 22, 2014.
Instructions: Whenever you find a littered balloon or a balloon ribbon in Virginia, please fill out this form & send it to CVW. Or send this information in an email to cleanva@longwood.edu and write "balloon litter data" in the subject line.



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Date of observation _____

Location (Name of place and latitude and longitude if possible) _____

Your name, email & phone number (Will be used ONLY if CVW has questions) _____

	Number of balloons found	Plastic ribbons attached? Yes or no	Non-plastic string attached? Yes or no	Plastic disk or valve attached? Yes or no	Other attachments? Yes or no (describe)	Writing on balloons? Yes or no	Burst or not burst?	Color of balloon(s)	Where found? (On beach? Near river? On a farm?)
Latex Balloons									
Foil * Balloons									

* Foil balloons are made of "metalized" nylon film, and are often called "Mylar." "Mylar" is trademarked by Dupont Teijin Films and is made of resin Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET), a thin polyester plastic.

If there was writing on the balloons, what was the writing? _____

Animal entanglement or ingestion evidence? Please explain. _____

Anything else you want to share about balloon litter: _____

Mail this Data Card to: Clean Virginia Waterways, Longwood University, 201 High Street, Farmville, VA 23909 or scan and email it to cleanva@longwood.edu Photos are appreciated. Thank you for your help in collecting data.

Here are examples of plastic tie-off disks and clips, as well as plastic valves and ribbons that are attached to some balloons. For more information about balloons as litter, including the difference between latex and foil balloons, please visit www.longwood.edu/cleanva/balloons.htm

