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# VISUAL TRASH WEIGHT ESTIMATES

The amount of trash that has been picked up during a cleanup is very important data to collect. If you do not have a scale available, you can still estimate the weight (you can show the weight was estimated by putting ~ in front of the amount). Additionally, trash data is recorded in pounds (lbs).

## 13 GALLON TRASH BAGS (KITCHEN TRASH CAN SIZE)



- ~ 17 lbs when full
- ~ 13 lbs when  $\frac{3}{4}$  full
- ~ 9 lbs when half full
- ~ 6 lbs when  $\frac{1}{3}$  full

## 5 GALLON BUCKET (STANDARD HARDWARE STORE BRAND)



- ~ 7 lbs when full
- ~ 5 lbs when  $\frac{3}{4}$  full
- ~ 3.5 lbs when half full
- ~ 2 lbs when  $\frac{1}{3}$  full

If needed, you can also use this formula: **#gallons x 1.36 x fraction full**  
(One third full = .33, half full = .5, three quarters full = .75, 100% full = 1)

Example: 10 gallon bucket that's  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the way full:  
 $10 \text{ gal} \times 1.36 \times .33 = \sim 4.5 \text{ lbs of trash.}$