**How to Conduct a Nurdle Survey**

**Beach Survey Procedures**

1. **Start at the waterline.**
Walk from the water’s edge to the first high tide (wrack) line. Start your timer for **10 minutes** and begin looking for nurdles.
2. **If you find a nurdle:**
	* Restart your timer for another **10 minutes**.
	* Continue searching and collecting.
	* When time is up, count the nurdles and record your data online.
3. **If you do NOT find any nurdles:**
	* Stop at the end of your 10 minutes and record your data online.
	* Check if you are at the **vegetation line**:
		+ ✅ Yes – Your survey is complete.
		+ ❌ No – Move to the next high tide line and repeat the process.
4. **Submit your data** at [www.NurdlePatrol.org](https://nurdlepatrol.org).
You can also upload photos of the nurdles and your survey location.
5. **See your results!**
Once submitted, your data will automatically appear on the Nurdle Patrol map.

🔗 View the [**Nurdle Survey Flow Chart**](https://nurdlepatrol.org/nurdle-resources/en/ResourcesCredits/Nurdle%20Survey%20Flow%20Chart.pdf) for a visual guide.

**River or Creek Survey Procedures**

1. **Choose your site.**
If a beach is not available, you can survey at a river or creek.
2. **Find the strand line.**
Look along the line where water has reached within the last 24 hours.
3. **When you find your first nurdle:**
	* Start your timer for **10 minutes**.
	* Continue searching and collecting nurdles.
4. **Count and record.**
At the end of 10 minutes, count your nurdles and record the data online.
5. **Submit your data** at [www.NurdlePatrol.org](https://nurdlepatrol.org).
Photos of nurdles and site locations are encouraged.
6. **See your results!**
Your data will automatically show up on the Nurdle Patrol map.

**Nurdle Patrol Survey Checklist**

**Beach Survey**

☐ Go to your survey location. Start at the **waterline**.
☐ Walk to the first **high tide (wrack) line**. Start your **10-minute timer**.
☐ Look carefully for **nurdles**.

**If you find nurdles:**
☐ Restart your timer for another **10 minutes**.
☐ Keep collecting nurdles.
☐ When 10 minutes is up, **count your nurdles**.
☐ Fill out the **online datasheet** at [www.NurdlePatrol.org](https://nurdlepatrol.org).

**If you do NOT find nurdles:**
☐ Stop after 10 minutes.
☐ Fill out the **online datasheet**.
☐ Are you at the **vegetation line**?

* ✅ Yes → Your survey is done!
* ❌ No → Move to the **next high tide line** and repeat.

☐ **Optional:** Take photos of nurdles and your survey site.
☐ Submit your data online – it will **appear on the map** automatically.

**River or Creek Survey**

☐ Go to a river or creek site if a beach is not available.
☐ Look along the **strand line** (where water was in the last 24 hours).
☐ When you find the first nurdle, start your **10-minute timer**.
☐ Keep collecting nurdles until the timer ends.
☐ **Count your nurdles**.
☐ Fill out the **online datasheet** at [www.NurdlePatrol.org](https://nurdlepatrol.org).
☐ **Optional:** Take photos of nurdles and your survey site.
☐ Submit your data online – it will **appear on the map** automatically.

**Tip for Citizen Scientists:** 🐟Every nurdle you record helps scientists understand and reduce plastic pollution!

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