

NURDLE PATROL

Nurdle Fact Sheet

WHAT ARE NURDLES?

- Tiny plastic pellets - the building blocks of most plastic products.
- Billions are made each year, but many spill into rivers, railroads, beaches and oceans.

THE PROBLEM

- Nurdles have polluted the environment since the 1950s.
- They spill at every stage; production → shipping → storage
- Wildlife can mistake nurdles for food
- Current prevention programs are voluntary, with only a few companies participating

AWARENESS & ACTION

- Nurdle Patrol collects data through citizen scientists
- National media coverage and the Texas Plastic Pollution Symposium raise awareness and collaboration
- Research reveals nurdle impacts and pushes for stronger solutions

WHAT CAN YOU DO

- **SPOT IT** - Look for nurdles on beaches, rivers, and railroads.
- **RECORD IT** - Log your findings at nurdlepatrol.org.
- **SHARE IT** - Invite friends, family, or classmates to survey with you.
- **CHANGE IT** - Your data helps improve industry practices and shape new laws.

Every nurdle counted is a step toward cleaner oceans.