

# 2 Go nurdle hunting

Protect your local coastline from tiny pellets of plastic.

## What you need

- An adult
- Gloves
- Friends to help
- A sieve
- Jar



## How does it work?

Nurdles are small plastic pellets that are nearly impossible to clean up. They are used as raw material for almost all plastic products, from toys to bin liners. Nurdles end up in the world's oceans due to accidental spills or people throwing away plastic products. Fish often eat these pellets up because they look like fish eggs. This can be harmful to marine life. Nurdle hunts help scientists map where this type of plastic waste is found. The charity Fauna & Flora International is calling for people to sign a petition to tackle nurdle pollution. Find out more at [fauna-flora.org](http://fauna-flora.org)

**1** You can take part in a nurdle hunt anytime and anywhere, but sandy beaches just after high tide are usually best. You could also travel to a riverbank, but check the weather to make sure it isn't too wet.

**2** Pop on some gloves and go searching for nurdles with a helpful adult. These little plastic pellets range from 2–5 mm wide so they can be hard to spot. You will need to take your time and sieve through the sand to try and find them.

**3** Collect all of your nurdles in a jar and count how many you find. Log your finds at [tinyurl.com/SN-nurdle](http://tinyurl.com/SN-nurdle). Once you have finished, you can keep your nurdles, recycle them or donate them to local artists to use in their artwork.



## NURDLE NIGHTMARE

It's estimated that 11 trillion nurdles end up in the world's oceans every year.

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