

Nurdle Survey

Illinois RiverWatch Network and Nurdle Patrol have partnered to give volunteers the opportunity to conduct nurdle surveys along rivers and streams in Illinois

Before starting, watch the 4-minute training video from Nurdle Patrol:

<https://bit.ly/3gAKxEC>

1. Begin by searching along the waterline for nurdles.

Start a timer for 10 minutes and begin searching.

a. When you find a nurdle in these 10 minutes, immediately move on to step 2.

b. If you find no nurdles in 10 minutes, skip to step 3.



2. Stop the original timer and set

a new 10-minute timer. Continue

collecting nurdles along the

water line for the whole 10

minutes. Once the 10 minutes

are up, your survey is

complete. Collect the nurdles

in a glass jar or other container for

disposal and move to step 4.



3. Move to the most recent high-water line. To spot a high-water line, look for darker coloration on the substrate and vegetation and debris left behind along the line. Repeat steps 1 and 2 at the high-water line. If no recent high-water lines can be seen or no nurdles are found, your survey is complete.

4. Submit data either on nurdlepatrol.org or using the Nurdle Patrol

app. Even if you do not find any nurdles during your survey, 0 is

still a useful data point.



5. Dispose of collected nurdles in the trash, keeping them in a

container. Disposing of them this way will help keep them

from accidentally reentering the environment.