



Litter audit information sheet

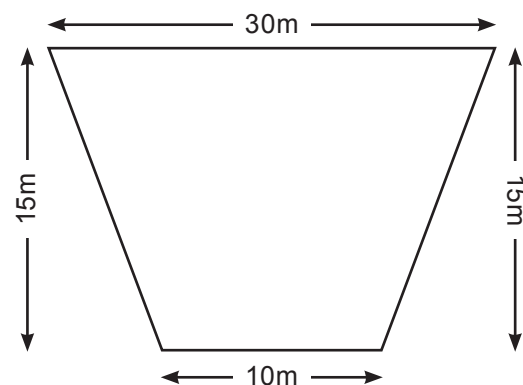
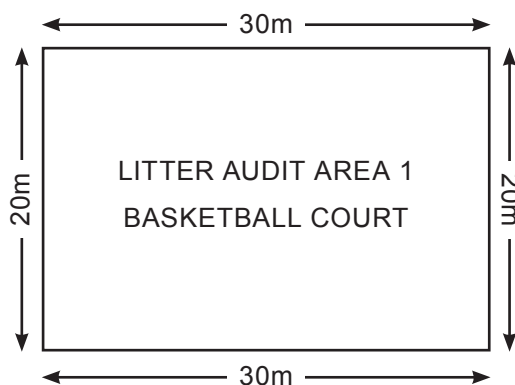
The litter audit will help you collect valuable information about litter in your school.

Before the audit:

- Ensure you have:
 - A map of the school, highlighting your audit area
 - 'Litter audit template'
 - Enlarged map of your audit area

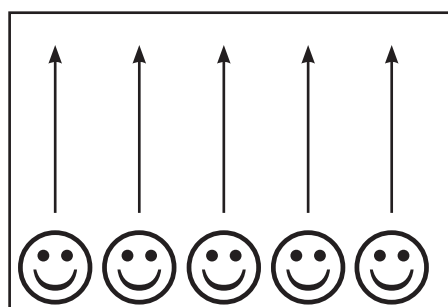
During the audit:

- Make your way to your audit area. Measure out your area and record the measurements on your map. The best way to do this is to measure each straight edge of your area and write it down, like below:



When you return to the classroom, you might like to work out the area of your litter audit space. Remember, it is easier to calculate the area of regular shapes (such as rectangles or squares) than of irregular shapes.

- As a group, complete a sweep of your area. To do this, form a line across your area and slowly walk towards the other side. Below is an example:





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As you complete your sweep, remember to do the following:

- Each time someone in your group walks past a piece of litter, mark it on your map with an 'X'.
- Record what the litter item was on the audit template (e.g. if it was a plastic bottle, add a tally mark to that category).
- On your map, mark any bins with an 'O'. Number each bin by placing a number in each 'O'.
- Make a note of how full the bin is and its condition (e.g. is it sticky, smelly, clean?). Do this in the 'notes' section. Use the bin number from your map so you know which notes relate to which bin (e.g. bin 1 is overflowing and sticky).
- Take photos.
- Record any interesting comments.

After the audit:

- Take all your information back to class to share and/or produce a report.