



Stormwater audit recording sheet

Doing the audit

1. Each group checks the school grounds and marks on the A3 map each stormwater drain using a number.
2. Use this number to show the drain on the audit worksheet.
3. As each drain is found complete the table on the audit worksheet.



Stormwater drain in field



Local waterways are stormwater drains

Did you know?

Each year we capture about 8,000 tonnes of litter from entering our waterways – this is enough to fill 30,000 wheelie bins!

Being safe around stormwater

Stormwater drains can be very dangerous places.

It's important that you don't go into drains - even in fine weather. Stormwater drains are often fenced and have warning signs telling people to stay out.

They are dangerous because:

- water in drains can rise quickly and unexpectedly, even when it's not raining in the local area
- when it rains, huge amounts of water can suddenly wash into the drain
- if you're swept away by water in a stormwater drain, you may not be able to get out and could even drown. Even shallow water can be very powerful and could knock you over
- drains can contain pollution like broken glass, dangerous chemicals and disease-causing bacteria.

Don't try to lift stormwater grates near footpaths and roads, even if something has accidentally dropped down. These grates can be very heavy.



Audit worksheet

School _____ Audit date _____ Name _____

Local waterway _____ Stormwater eventually ends up in _____

Stormwater audit			
Drain number	Condition of drain	Issues affecting drain	Proposed solutions to problem
Example – Drain 1	Full of dirt	Dirt has washed into drain from nearby garden	Build a border around the garden to stop dirt washing into drains
Example – Drain 2	Plastic water bottles in drain	Discarded bottles blown or washed into drain	Use refillable drink bottles