

## Lesson 4 Calculating Area

### Key Concepts

- Area is a way of describing a two dimensional object
- Units are usually  $\text{ft}^2$  or acres
- Rectangles  $A = L \times W$
- Triangles  $A = \frac{1}{2} \times B \times H$
- Circles  $A = \pi \times r^2$  or  $A = 0.785 \times D^2$
- Cylinders  $C = \pi \times D$  and  $A = \pi \times r^2$
- Spheres  $A = \pi \times D^2$

Example 1:

Find the surface area in acres of a pond measuring 100 ft by 350 ft.

Example 2:

Find the area of a triangle with a base that is 30 ft and a height of 40 ft.

Example 3:

Find the surface area of a clarifier with a 40 ft diameter.

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Example 4:

Find the surface area of a round tank with a diameter of 30 ft. and a height of 15 ft.  
(do not include the top of the tank)

Example 5:

Find the surface area of a sphere that is 20 feet in diameter.

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**Find the area of the following rectangles:**

$$A = L \times W \quad 1 \text{ Acre} = 43,560 \text{ square feet}$$

1. A wall that is 5 feet tall and 20 feet long = \_\_\_\_\_ square feet

2. A wall that is 72 inches tall and 30 feet long = \_\_\_\_\_ square feet

3. A parking lot that measures 300 feet by 150 feet = \_\_\_\_\_ square feet

4. A facility that measures 600 ft. by 2,500 ft = \_\_\_\_\_ acres

5. A reservoir that is 500 ft by 500 ft = \_\_\_\_\_ acres

Find the area of the following triangles:

$$A = \frac{1}{2} B \times H$$

6. A triangle with a base of 10 feet and a height of 12 feet = \_\_\_\_\_ ft<sup>2</sup>

7. A triangle with a base of 20 feet and a height of 10 feet = \_\_\_\_\_ ft<sup>2</sup>

8. A triangle with a base of 8 feet and a height of 4 feet = \_\_\_\_\_ ft<sup>2</sup>

9. A triangle with a base of 19 feet and a height of 20 feet = \_\_\_\_\_ ft<sup>2</sup>

10. A triangle with a base of 25 feet and a height of 18 feet = \_\_\_\_\_ ft<sup>2</sup>

**Find the area of the following circles:**

$$A = \pi \times r^2 \quad (\pi = 3.14)$$

11. The surface area of a round clarifier that measures 50 feet across = \_\_\_\_\_ sq ft

12. The top of a circular storage tank with a diameter of 30 feet = \_\_\_\_\_ sq ft

13. The cross sectional area of a pipe that is 3 feet in diameter = \_\_\_\_\_ sq ft

14. The cross sectional area of a pipe that has a 24 inch radius = \_\_\_\_\_ sq ft

15. The area of a circle that measures 60 feet across = \_\_\_\_\_ sq ft

Find the surface area of the following cylinders:

$$\text{Circumference} = \pi \times D \quad \text{Area} = \pi \times D \times H$$

16. A round tank that is 20 feet tall and 15 feet across = \_\_\_\_\_ sq ft

17. A round tank that is 10 feet tall and 20 feet across = \_\_\_\_\_ sq ft

18. A round tank that is 17 feet tall and 30 feet across = \_\_\_\_\_ sq ft

19. A round tank that is 25 feet tall and 15 feet across = \_\_\_\_\_ sq ft

20. A round tank that is 10 feet tall and 12 feet across = \_\_\_\_\_ sq ft

**Find the surface area of the following spheres:**

$$A = \pi \times D^2$$

21. A methane storage sphere that is 15 feet wide has a surface area of \_\_\_\_\_ sq ft

22. A propane storage sphere that is 25 feet wide has a surface area of \_\_\_\_\_ sq ft

23. A methane storage sphere that is 5 feet wide has a surface area of \_\_\_\_\_ sq ft

24. A sphere that is 12 feet wide has a surface area of \_\_\_\_\_ sq ft

25. A methane storage sphere that is 18 feet wide has a surface area of \_\_\_\_\_ sq ft

**Review**

26. Solve for Flow:

$$\text{lb/day} = (\text{Flow, MGD}) (\text{Dose, mg/L}) (8.34)$$

27. Solve for MLSS:

$$\text{Aerator Solids lb} = (\text{Tank Volume, MG}) (\text{MLSS, mg/L}) (8.34)$$

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