



To determine the volume needed in cubic yards use the following formula:

Cubic yards = $\frac{L' \times W' \times H'}{27}$

A foundation wall measures 27' 5" long, 8" wide and 9' high.

The length needs to be converted to decimal feet. $5" \div 12 = .417$ '

The width needs to be converted to decimal feet $8" \div 12 = .667$ '

Cubic yards =
$$\frac{27.417' \times .667' \times 9'}{27} = \frac{164.58'}{27}$$

 $\approx 6.10 \text{ yrd.}^3$

 $V = \frac{1}{3}$ (area of the base)h h = height w = width

b = base

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Example: How many cubic inches of air can a beach ball hold if it has a diameter of 14 inches?

 ℓ = slant length or slant height

Steps to finding volume:

- 1. Identify the solid (sphere).
- 2. Write the formula for calculating the volume of that solid using the formula sheet.

$$V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^{3}$$

3. Identify the properties of the solid used in the formula.

$$d = 2r \text{ or } r = \frac{1}{2}d$$

 $r = \frac{1}{2} \times 14 = 7$

4. Substitute the actual properties of the solid into the formula. $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^{3}$

Perform the necessary mathematical operations to obtain your answer.

 $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 = \frac{4}{3}(3.14)(7^3) = 1436$

5. Write the appropriate unit after your answer. 1436 in^3



Instructor's Script - Comparing and Contrasting

The Carpentry example on page one shows how volumes must be calculated for rectangular prisms to pour foundation walls. Carpenters also work with cylinders when they pour footers for posts as presented in problem # 2 on page three.

The mathematical formulas for volume indicate a certain type of orientation that may not match the application in question. For example, h will designate height of a cylinder, but if the cylinder is horizontal, h will be the same as the length!

Common Mistakes Made By Students

Using Incorrect Formula: Correctly identify the type of object you are dealing with and use the appropriate formula. Two formulas may be needed for complex objects.

Using Consistent Units: If the problem asks for the answer in square feet instead of square inches, be sure to either convert your given measurements into feet first (inches \div 12 = feet) or convert your square inch answer into square feet (sq. in. \div 144 = sq. ft.).

CTE Instructor's Extended Discussion

The first formula to determine cubic yards is L'<u>x W' x H'</u>. It is important that all numbers are in decimal feet.

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Another formula for determining cubic yards of concrete is Length' x Width' x Thickness" x .0031. Notice that the thickness is in inches. It is good practice to solve for cubic yards using both formulas and compare the information.



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| A customer has asked you to construct an water holding tank with r = 12' and h = 2. total volume of the water tank? | above ground, rain 5'. What will be the | | |
| 2. You need to set 3 concrete piers to support deck. Each pier has the following dimension h = 60". Find the volume of one pier in in | rt an above ground ions: $d = 12$ " and n^3 , ft ³ & yd ³ ? | | |
| 3. A carpenter is pouring a cement walkway customer's house; the walkway is 35' lon thick. How many cubic yards of cement order? Round up to the closest 1/2 yard. | in front of a g, 4' wide and 5" did the carpenter | | |
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| 7. Find the volume of a cylinder, d = 12.75 [°] . | , h = 28.75'. | | |
| 8. Find the volume of a sphere, d = 27.75". | | | |
| 9. Find the volume of 4 sided pyramid with b =10, h = 25. | a square base, | | |



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| 1. A customer has asked you to construct an above ground, rain water holding tank with $r = 12$ ' and $h = 25$ '. What will be the total volume of the water tank? | $V = \pi 12^2 25$ | |
| | $V = \pi \times (144) \times 25$ or $V = 3.14 \times (12^2) \times 25$ | |
| | $V \approx 11,310 \text{ft}^3$ (rounded from 11309.73355) | |
| 2. You need to set 3 concrete piers to support an above ground deck. Each pier has the following dimensions: $d = 12$ " and $h = 60$ ". Find the volume of one pier in in ³ ft ³ & vd ³ 2 | $V = \pi 6^2 60$ | |
| ii – oo . i iiid the volume of one plet iii iii , it 'te yu'. | $V = \pi \times 36 \times 60$ $V = 6,785.84 \text{ in.}^3$ | |
| | $V = 6785.84 \div 1728$ $V = 3.9 \text{ ft.}^3$ | |
| | $V = 3.9 \div 27$ $V = .25 \text{ yd.}^3$ (Rounded from 0.14) | |
| 3. A carpenter is pouring a cement walkway in front of a customer's house: the walkway is 35' long 4' wide and 5" | Cubic yards= $\frac{L' \times W' \times H'}{27}$ | |
| thick. How many cubic yards of cement did the carpenter order? Bound up to the algoest 16 yard | Cubic yards = $\frac{35 \times 4 \times .417}{27} \approx 2.16$ | |
| order ? Round up to the crosest 72 yard. | Cubic yards $\approx 2.16 \longrightarrow 2.5$ cubic yards | |
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| 4. One soup can has a diameter = 3" and height = 4"; another soup can has a diameter = 4 and a height = 3. Which can | $V = \pi r^2 h$ | |
| holds more soup? | Can 1: V = $\pi(1.5)^2 4$ Can 2: V = $\pi(2)^2 3$ | |
| | $V \approx 28.27 \text{in.}^3$ $V \approx 37.70 \text{in.}^3$ | |
| 5. A size 7 regulation basketball has a diameter = 9.39". What is the volume of the basketball? | $V = \frac{4}{3} \times \pi \times r^{3} \qquad V = 1.333 \times \pi \times 4.695^{3}$ | |
| | $V = 1.333 \times \pi \times 103.5 \qquad V \approx 433.43 \text{ in}^3$ | |
| 6. How much water would you need to fill a rectangular fish tank with a height of 16.5", a length of 32", and a width of 8.5"? | V = 1wh Volume = (32)(8.5)(16.5) = 4,488 in ³ | |
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| 7. Find the volume of a cylinder, $d = 12.5$ ', $h = 28.75$ '. | $V = \pi r^2 h$ | |
| | $V = \pi \times 6.25^2 \times 28.75$ | |
| | $V \approx 3528.155 \text{ft}^3$ | |
| 8. Find the volume of a sphere, $d = 27.75$ ". | $V = \frac{4}{3} \times \pi \times r^3 \qquad \qquad V = 1.333 \times \pi \times 13.875^3$ | |
| | $V = 1.333 \times \pi \times 2,671.15$ $V \approx 11,186.09 \text{ in}^3$ | |
| 9. Find the volume of 4 sided pyramid with a square base, b = 10', h = 25'. | $V = \frac{1}{3}(10^2 \times 25)$ $V = \frac{1}{3} \times 2500 \approx 833.33 \text{in}^3$ | |