

# Water Security For All

Read and fill in the gaps with one of these words:

access - bodies - cost - decisions - gray water - live - rivers - sinks - trash - water security

Communities include individuals and organizations such as governments, businesses, and faith groups. Together, the people in a community can act to protect ..... now and for the future. First, they can care for ..... of water. They can plant rain gardens to collect stormwater before it can carry harmful materials into lakes or..... . They can remind people and businesses not to litter or pour harmful materials down drains. When people visit a beach, they can collect all of their ..... before they leave so it does not go into the water.

Second, communities can act so that all people have equitable ..... to safe water. People who pay for water from their city's water system may not be able to afford the cost each month. City leaders can start programs to make the ..... of water equitable. They can replace the pipes in old water systems to keep them safe for water to travel through.



Third, communities can act to protect water security for the future. They can collect ..... , which is water that has been used for a purpose like cooking. It can be reused to clean or water plants. City and business leaders can check that buildings have ways to collect stormwater, such as green walls or roof gardens. They can check that buildings have ..... and toilets that conserve water and that new buildings do not block communities' access to blue spaces.

Community members should help decide how to protect water security where they ..... . They know what bodies of water are important to people in their community and how they use water. They understand their community's values and the history of the local ecosystem. They are the best people to make ..... for its future.

**NOTICE:** The highlighted sentences present a specific security issue while the sentences in blue present the specific actions to address them.