Natural Resources and Pollution

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Most of the water on earth is salt water. Both salt water and fresh water are being polluted by a variety of sources including sewage, garbage, chemicals, like motor oil, bleach and other chemicals fishermen use to catch fish. Pollution promotes breeding of vectors and also provides vectors with homes. Some items that pollute the resources are biodegradable, but others are non biodegradable. Conservation is the wise use of natural resources. Resources can be conserved by reducing (use only what is needed), reusing (use things again) and recycling wherever possible.

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