

Keeping our Environment Clean

Pollution is a harmful substance that damages or destroys natural resources.

Substances that are harmful to the environment:

- Air pollution: Dirt, germs, and harmful things in the air, e.g. exhaust from cars, smoke, fog, etc.
- Water pollution: Dirt, germs, and harmful things in the water, e.g. trash is thrown into the sea, lakes, or ponds, rust from pipes, chemicals, dirty water, etc.)
- Litter: Garbage such as – trash, food items, discarded furniture or appliances, building materials, garden trimmings, metal, glass, and plastic.

Effects of pollution on the environment:

Air and water pollution have harmful effects on individuals and their communities.

Air pollution from fire and dust irritates the nose, eyes, and throat. It can cause respiratory diseases such as asthma and lung cancer.

Water polluted with human or chemical wastes (feaces, farm fertilizer, gasoline, industrial waste) can affect animal and plant life, causing poisoning and food contamination.

Rats, mosquitoes, cockroaches, and other vermin that live in landfills (dump), garbage, or ponds can transmit diseases such as Dengue Fever which is transmitted by the Aedes mosquito, and Leptospirosis from rats and mice.

Polluted environments (parks, beaches, streets, neighbourhoods) affect peoples' health and their social and emotional well-being.

Ways to keep the environment clean:

- Do not throw trash or garbage on the ground, in the sea, lakes, or ponds.
- Pick up trash and put them in a trash can.
- Walk or ride a bike instead of riding in a car.
- Follow school rules that help everyone to stay healthy.
- Say no to choices that are against the law.

1. List THREE substances that are harmful to the environment.

- A. Green house gas
- B. air pollution
- C. water pollution
- D. land/litter

2. What type of pollution does this statement represent?

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- A. air
- B. water
- C. ground

3. What type of pollution does this statement represent?

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- A. air
- B. water
- C. ground

4. What type of pollution does this statement represent?

Ground **Rats, mosquitoes, cockroaches and other vermin that live in landfills (dump), garbage, or ponds can transmit diseases such as Dengue Fever which is transmitted by the Aedes mosquito**

- A. air
- B. water
- C. ground

3. This resource in The Bahamas

They are great tourist attractions. Tourists come and spend money in our country. What is it?

- A. beach
- B. Sun
- C. Mangroves

4. Use to manufacture glass and fertilizers. It is strong

5. Home for animals and they provide oxygen

6. Look at the pictures of pollution. Write below each type of pollution **land, water, or air**

