

## Pollution

**Pollution** is any unwanted matter that can be added to **air**, **water** or **soil**. Air pollution is caused when cars, trucks, and factories burn fuels. This can hurt people's lungs. Rain combines with air pollution and falls to the ground. This is called **acid rain**. This pollutes the land and water. When harmful materials are dumped into the water, this causes **water pollution**.

People can help keep the air clean. Use buses or trains instead of cars. They should not burn leaves or trash. They can keep the water clean by not dumping garbage into the water. They can keep the earth clean by having **clean up campaigns** regularly. They can make less trash by **recycling** or **reusing** things. Reuse means to use over again. Recycle means to use something old to make something new. People can recycle glass, paper, cans to make different things. Pollution in water and on land makes them **dirty**, **unhealthy**, and **unsafe** for humans and other living things. These things that dirty the water, land or air are called **pollutants**.