

Pollution Solutions Vocabulary

Bioaccumulation:	The gradual accumulation of harmful substances inside an individual organism
Biodegradable:	Materials that can naturally break down with air or water and reenter the ecosystem
Biomagnification:	The concentration of harmful substances in an organism higher in the food chain as a result of ingesting other plants or animals that had toxins
Compost:	Decayed organic material rich in nutrients used as a plant fertilizer
Nonpoint Source:	Pollution originating from one or many unidentifiable sources
Point Source:	Pollution which originates from a single identifiable source
Pollution:	The introduction or presence of a harmful substance into the environment. Types of pollution are air, water, land, light, visual, thermal, radioactive, and noise etc.
Recycle:	To treat or change waste so it can be used again
Reduce:	To use less of an object to prevent it from entering into the environment
Reuse:	To use an item for its original purpose or for a different function