



“I know another way to save water,” Watershed Willie shouts, “but this way involves keeping all the pollution out. If you don’t know what pollution is, just listen to me say, what you can do — all of you — each and every day.”

The Unclean Stream

Put a red X over the things that make water dirty.



Pollution Solutions

Household Hazardous Waste Materials like glass, oven cleaners, and paint may harm our rivers and streams if they are not thrown away properly. Bathroom cleaners, bleach, and soaps cause fish and plants to die if they get into our rivers and lakes. Don't pour these cleaners on the ground because they can be washed away into creeks and streams when it rains. Take them to a city Household Hazardous Waste Collection site instead.

Recycling means using something over again. It is easy and it helps keep our environment clean. Recycling items like plastic, paper, and glass keep them out of the landfill. So toss your soda cans in the recycle bin and not in the trash.

Compost is what is left after organic waste rots. Organic waste is food scraps, dirt, and grass clippings. Compost can be used as potting soil because it has many nutrients in it that plants need. Meat and fat should not be used in a compost pile because it will smell bad and attract rodents. You can make compost by mixing dry leaves, dirt, grass clippings, banana peels, watermelon rinds, apple cores, bread, and other items together.

▲ Use the paragraphs above and these words below to answer the following questions.

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| • Plastic | • Tires | • Bleach | • Oil |
| • Oven cleaners | • Apple core | • Paint | • Paper |
| • Glass cleaners | • Banana peel | • Soda can | • Glass |
| • Grass clippings | • Antifreeze | • Soap | • Bread |
| • Watermelon rind | • Leaves | • Dirt | |

Which of the above are household hazardous waste materials?



Which of the above can be recycled?



Which of the above can be put into a compost pile?

