



# 10 Ways to be a #PollutionPreventer

## What is pollution?

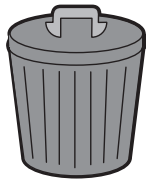
Pollution is any harmful material introduced into the environment that decreases the quality of air, water, land or life. Examples of pollution include trash, oil and greenhouse emissions.

## What is a #PollutionPreventer?

A #PollutionPreventer takes action to reduce pollution from entering our air, water or land.

## How can you be a #PollutionPreventer?

1. **Dispose of any trash.** Items not properly disposed of may blow away, ending up in waterways or harming wildlife.

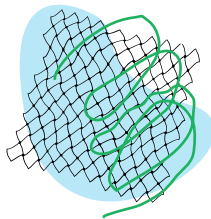


2. **Reduce single-use plastics.** Swap your plastic water bottle for a reusable option, saving the planet and your wallet.



3. **Shop smart.** Instead of bagging your groceries in plastic, try reusable bags.

4. **Fish responsibly.** Be sure to collect any nets or lines in the water, as animals can easily become entangled.



5. **Choose sustainable solutions.** Rather than using pesticides and fertilizers in your yard, plant native species that reduce pests.

6. **Catch it.** Collect cooking grease or oil in a container rather than dumping it down the drain.



7. **Go green.** Walk or bike to reduce greenhouse emissions from vehicles.

8. **Wash wisely.** Replace cleaning chemicals with eco-friendly products.



9. **Toss it.** Put any non-flushable items, such as diapers and wipes, into a trash receptacle instead of a toilet.

10. **Participate in cleanups.** Volunteer to remove harmful pollutants while safeguarding critical environmental resources.



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