

Water pollution is when waste, chemicals, or other particles cause a body of water to be harmful to the fish and animals that need water to survive. Water pollution can disrupt and negatively impact nature's water cycle as well. (duckster.com)

Pollution in the water can reach a point where there is not enough oxygen in the water for the fish to breathe. The fish can suffocate! Sometimes pollution affects the entire food chain. Small fish absorb pollutants, such as chemicals, into their bodies. Then bigger fish devour the smaller fish and get the pollutants too. Birds or other animals may eat the bigger fish and be harmed by the pollutants. One example of this was the use of insecticide (bug killer) DDT. When birds of prey ate fishes that were infected with it, they would lay eggs with thin shells. The population of birds of prey began to drop until DDT was banished. Sewage can also cause major problems in rivers. Bacteria in the water will use oxygen so that there will not be enough left to fish. Water pollution from major events like acid rain or spills can destroy marine habitats. (ducksters.com)

Things we can do to help are saving water; fresh and clean water is a precious resource. Do not waste it! Take shorter showers, ask your parents not to water the lawn, make sure the toilet is not running, and do not leave the faucet running. Do not use weed killer – Ask your parents if you can pull the weeds in the yard so they do not need to use weed killer (an herbicide). Scrape your plates clean into the trash and do not put grease into the kitchen drain. Trash- Always pick up your trash, especially when at the beach, lake, or river. (duckster.com)

Household solvents, pesticides, and cleaners might not seem that bad. But, bleach, paint thinner, ammonia, and many chemicals are becoming a severe problem. If you combine millions of people every month dumping toxic chemicals down the drain or flushing them down the toilet, the effects add up. This is why proper disposal is important. Many household cleaners can be recycled. Your community may have a recycling center that can take old paint, used motor oil, and other chemicals and recycle them. Community collection centers and drop-off sites also exist in some areas. Your community recycling may even have a hazardous waste collection day where those toxic old chemicals can be dropped off for safe disposal. (arcadia.com)

in conclusion, water pollution is harmful to the environment and hopefully in the future we will find a way to get rid of water pollution forever.