

8. Down the Drain

Worksheet: Pollution - how does your household rate?

Instructions

1. Take the checklist home and with the help of an adult answer the questions.
2. Add up the numbers you've circled in each column to find your total.
3. Use your total score to see how you measure up.
4. Return the completed sheet to your teacher for class based discussion.

Does your household (Please circle your answer.)	Never	Sometimes	Often	What alternative is there?
Pour used or left over cooking oil down the kitchen sink?	1	2	3	
Throw away cleaning chemicals in the rubbish?	1	2	3	
Throw away prescription medicines in the rubbish?	1	2	3	
Throw used containers of paint in the rubbish?	1	2	3	
Empty left over paint down the sink?	1	2	3	
Flush rubbish, such as food scraps, down the toilet?	1	2	3	
Use lots of fertilizers on your garden?	1	2	3	
Use environmentally-friendly cleaning products?	3	2	1	
Pick up rubbish you see in your local area?	3	2	1	
Take unused household chemicals and paint to a collection depot?	3	2	1	
Dispose of your household rubbish properly so that it doesn't end up down the stormwater drain?	3	2	1	

Sub Total

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Total (add up the sub total columns)

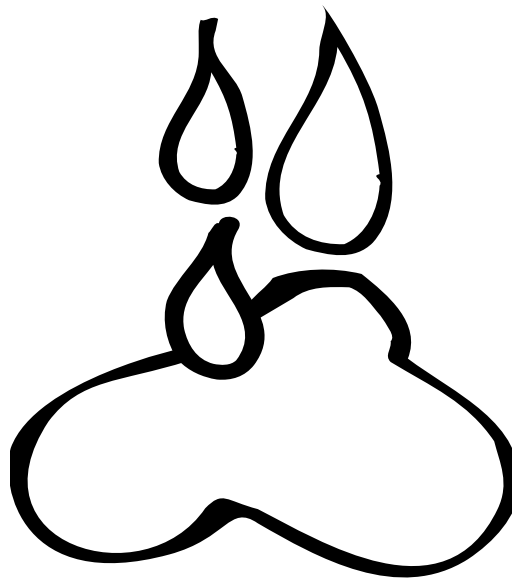
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Check out how you scored over the page.

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How Did You Score?

Score	What your score says about you	What More Can You Do?
11-15	You are to be complemented on your knowledge of water resource issues and your commitment to practising sound water pollution prevention practices.	Keep it up! Educate your friends and family to follow your example.
16-20	You are generally aware of the need to protect our water from pollution, but need to be more consistent in your habits. Remember even small quantities of pollutants can contaminate large bodies of water.	Conduct a home survey with your friends and family. Implement water protection strategies wherever possible and use more environmentally friendly products around the home such as the Sabco <i>onewipe</i> [™] range of cleaning products that do not require chemicals. For more information visit www.sabco.com.au
21-30	Unfortunately, like too many others, you could be contributing to severe water pollution problems in your community. You need to think about the many ways that you can change your habits to become part of the solution.	Call the local water authority for more information. Learn about ways to protect water.