

Topic/Objectives: 9-2 Marine Pollution; 1) Distinguish between point and nonpoint source pollution. 2) Give examples of impacts of pollution on marine biodiversity. 3) Make recommendations for preventing future marine pollution.

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Essential Question: What are the effects of human pollution on our marine ecosystems and how can we protect them for the future?

Questions:

Notes:

_____ are substances that can harm living things, including humans and marine organisms.

- Pollutants may be from natural or _____ sources, meaning they come from human activities.
- _____ pollutants are easy to trace the source, such as an oil tanker running into rocks.
- It is difficult to identify the source of _____ pollutants such as fertilizers and pesticides.
- Most pollution comes from _____ pollutants.

About _____ % of marine pollutants originates from land.

Two classes of anthropogenic pollutants:

- _____ contain the element carbon and generally originate from sewage waste, some pesticides, gas leaks and oil spills.
- _____ are tied to reproductive and immune issues in many marine animals.
- _____ include metals and substances used as fertilizers and detergents.
- _____ are linked hormonal, reproductive and kidney problems in marine organisms.

_____ include plastics, glass, metal, Styrofoam, rubber and lost fishing gear (ghost gear).

- Most plastics that end up in the ocean are not _____; they do not decompose naturally.
- Plastic can breakdown into tiny particles called _____ absorbing chemicals making them toxic to organisms.
- Most marine debris originates from land and enters the ocean from _____.
- Concentration of marine debris can be found in garbage patches formed by the ocean gyres.
- The simplest way to reduce marine debris is focusing on _____ and _____.

