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Keeping Our Underground Water Healthy



We have all probably seen surface lakes, rivers, streams, and ponds that are polluted. But did you know that underground water areas can also become polluted? There are many different kinds of materials that can cause our groundwater to become unhealthy. Materials such as pesticides and fertilizers, septic tank seepage, and stormwater runoff can pollute groundwater.

Think about your neighborhood. List several suggestions that people can follow to help avoid polluting our groundwater.

Fill in the blanks

Complete each sentence by writing the correct word.

1. Materials that cause our water to become _____ are called pollutants.
2. There are many things that _____ can do to avoid being groundwater polluters.
3. Pesticides, fertilizers, and _____ runoff are examples of materials that can pollute our groundwater.

The Challenges – Teacher Resources

Answer key

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1. Materials that cause our water to become **unhealthy** (dirty, unclean, etc.) are called pollutants.
 2. There are many things that **you** (we, humans, people) can do to avoid being groundwater polluters.
 3. Pesticides, fertilizers, and **stormwater** runoff are examples of materials that can pollute our groundwater.
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