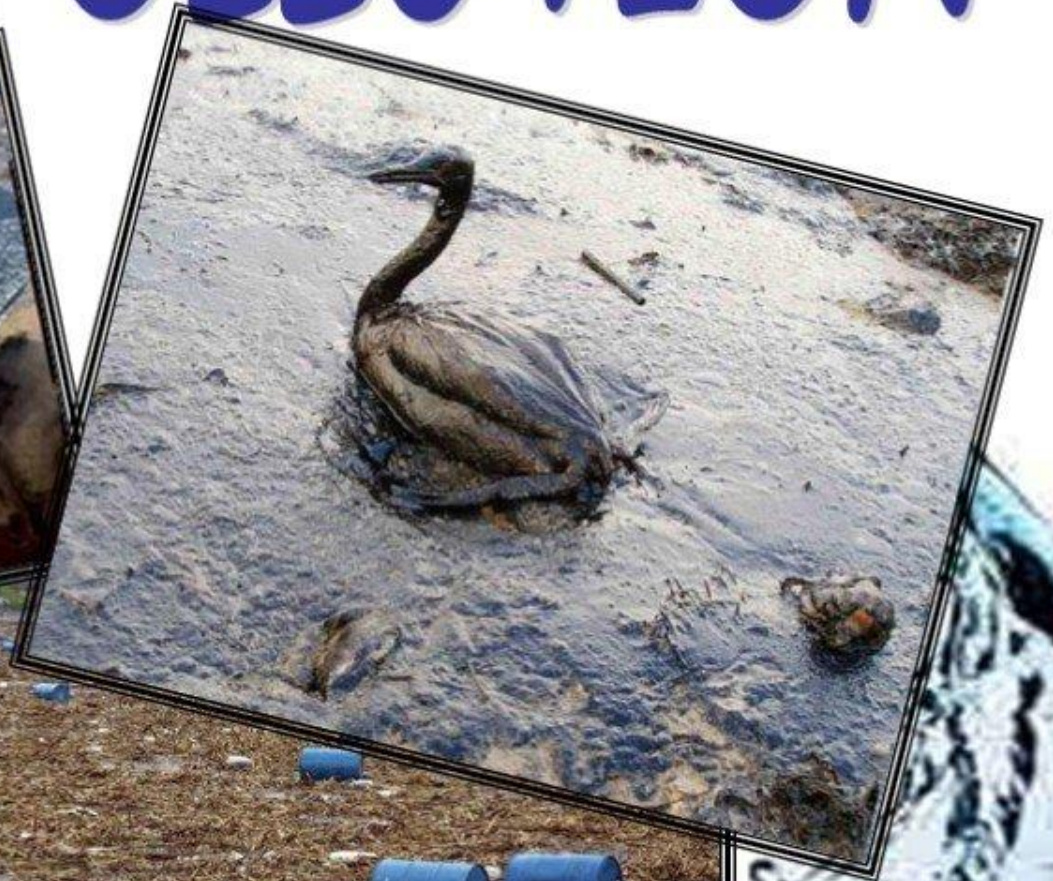


WATER POLLUTION



Oceans, seas, rivers and lakes



People all over the world are worried about what is happening to the environment.

Our oceans, seas, rivers and lakes are in danger.

Water pollution

Water pollution is caused by dumping wastes into lakes, rivers, and other bodies of water. Harmful wastes may also get into the soil or drain off fields that have been sprayed with pesticides. Pesticides are often used to kill insects and weeds in cities or on farms. Polluted water can spread many diseases.



- **Plastic bags** – People bring food in plastic bags. If they leave them behind they are dangerous to animals.
- **Plastic buckets and spades** – People use them to build sandcastles but they can be left behind very easily. Sometimes you can find them lying on the beach, making it very untidy.
- **Beach balls** – Another fun toy you can find on any beach. When they burst, nobody wants them and they are left behind on the beach.
- **Food wrappers** – People often leave them behind causing litter.



Marine litter is a huge problem

- **Marine plastic litter can also pose dangers to shipping. For example, abandoned or lost fishing nets can become entangled in propellers and rudders.**

What harm does it do to people?

Marine litter is also very harmful to people. One can cut himself(herself) with glass or metal which lies on the bottom of the sea . It is also bad for health to swim in the dirty water.



HOW TO STOP WATER POLLUTION?



If we want to keep our seas and oceans clean, we should follow the following rules:

- Take ALL of your litter with you
- Don't leave any other litter which lies around
- If you live near a beach, try to clean it up as often as you can.

