

River pollution factsheet

There are lots of amazing animals living in and around our rivers, but some animals can't survive when our rivers are polluted. 🐟

What is Pollution?

Can you think of some things that might pollute our rivers?

Choose 3 of the things from this list and find out about how they can damage rivers.

Sewage, Litter, Plastics and microplastics, Pesticides, Soil and sediments, Chemicals and fertilizers, Medicines, Cleaning products, Transport, oil and fuels

We can tell us how clean a river is, by seeing which animals are living in our rivers. They are called Indicator Species.

How do river invertebrates indicate how clean a river is?

Choose an animal which lives in rivers and research about how it can tell us if the river water is clean.



My river animal

Facts about my animal and where it lives

What can we do to help prevent pollution?

There are lots of ways that everyone can help prevent pollution. Can you think of any?

What I am going to do to help rivers

