

# Pollution



# Vocabulary

**pollutant:** a substance that contaminates something, especially water or the atmosphere.

**fuel:** combustible matter used to maintain fire, as coal, wood, oil, or gas, in order to create heat or power.

**hazardous:** risky

**erratic:** having no certain or definite course; wandering; not fixed: erratic winds.

**oil spill:** the release of a liquid petroleum hydrocarbon into the environment, especially the marine ecosystem, due to human activity.

**unsightly:** distasteful or unpleasant to look at.

**nuisance:** an obnoxious or annoying person, thing, condition, practice, etc.

# Introduction

Pollution occurs when pollutants contaminate the natural surroundings; which brings about changes that affect our normal lifestyles adversely.

The major kinds of pollution are air pollution, water pollution, and land pollution. Pollution of all kinds can have negative effects on the environment and wildlife and often impacts human health and well-being.

