



COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEMS | VOCABULARY

pollution introducing harmful substances into the environment

fertilizer chemicals used to fertilize crops and soil to increase plant growth

pesticides chemicals used to destroy pests of plants, fungi or animals

point source a source of energy, such as light or sound, that can be regarded as having negligible dimension

non-point source a source of pollution that issues from widely distributed or pervasive environmental elements

industrial runoff runoff of rainwater created by industrialization

permeable surface a surface that can be penetrated by water (allowing stormwater to flow through it)

non-permeable surface a surface that cannot be penetrated by water (forcing stormwater to flow over it)

watershed a land area that channels rainfall and snowmelt to creeks, streams, and rivers, and eventually to outflow points such as reservoirs, bays, and the ocean

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water cycle the process in which water evaporates from Earth's surface, condenses in the atmosphere to rain/snow, then precipitates and falls back to Earth's surface

