

Ch. 4 (Sec. 1 AND 2)

pollution

the presence of a harmful substance in an environment

renewable resource

a natural resource that can be used AND replaced over a relatively short period of time

nonrenewable resource

a natural resource that can be used, but NOT replaced in less than thousands or millions of years

overpopulation

when the number of individuals, in a given area, becomes too large; there will NOT be enough resources

biodiversity

a great amount
or variety of
living things in
a given area

biodegradable

capable of
being broken
down by the
environment

conservation

the WISE use of
natural resources,
so they will not run
out

recycling

the process of
making NEW
products from
reprocessed used
products

**"The 3
R's!"**

**recycle -
reuse -
reduce**

**resource
recovery**

the process of
transforming into usable
products things that
would normally be
thrown away

