

What's in Wastewater?

Wastewater from homes and businesses is an extremely toxic mixture! Below are some common pollutants found in wastewater. Search for each item online and complete the chart below.

Name: _____

Pollutant	How does it get into wastewater?	Why is bad for the environment?
Garbage like dental floss, cotton swabs, plastic, etc.	From people flushing garbage down the toilet.	Garbage can clog pumps and sewers leading to wastewater overflows in homes and the environment.
Detergents		
Heavy Metals		
Nitrates / Phosphates		
Pathogens		
Pesticides		
Sediments		
Oil and Grease		