



Enter the annual Pollution Prevention Poster Contest! Children 6-18 can enter their drawings and receive recognition and prizes at a ceremony held in September during Pollution Prevention Week.

The Governor presents awards annually for businesses and organizations that are leaders in Pollution Prevention.

For more information about Pollution Prevention, the Pollution Prevention Poster Contest, or the annual Governor's Awards for Pollution Prevention, please contact the NYS-DEC Pollution Prevention Unit at 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-8010 Telephone (518) 402-9469 or visit our website at [www.dec.state.ny.us/website/ppu](http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/ppu)

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# Pollution Prevention



We all benefit from pollution prevention!

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**E**very New Yorker can play a very important role in preventing pollution at home, at work and in our communities.

By changing how we normally do things and being open to new ideas, we can reduce or eliminate the creation of pollution.

Pollution Prevention protects our health and the environment.

Pollution Prevention allows our economy to grow in harmony with our surroundings.

## PREVENT POLLUTION!

### POLLUTION PREVENTION TIPS:

- ✓ Buy thermometers without mercury.
- ✓ Use non-toxic cleaning products in your home such as vinegar, baking soda, and soap.
- ✓ Use environmentally friendly lawn and garden chemicals, paints, and solvents.
- ✓ Use natural pest controls.
- ✓ Practice organic gardening and composting.
- ✓ Turn off lights.
- ✓ Use less air conditioning and heat.

✓ Car pool or use public transportation.

✓ Drive cars that get good gas mileage.

✓ Ride a bike!



## What Can You Do?

**ELIMINATE!** Don't purchase or use products that contain harmful substances.

**REDUCE!** Buy and use only as much of a product as needed.

**CONSERVE!** Buy energy-efficient products and use energy wisely.

Businesses, industries, schools and governments can practice pollution prevention by:

- Conserving energy and natural resources.
- Using "green" or less toxic materials and products.
- Redesigning products, modifying equipment and increasing operating efficiency at their facilities.
- Providing employee training.

Pollution Prevention helps reduce waste generation, disposal fees, regulatory expenses and clean-up costs.