

# Water Pollution

Pollution due to human activities can affect raw water quality. Water pollution in our drinking water catchments is the contamination of waterbodies e.g. rivers, lakes and reservoirs by untreated substances, chemicals and particles. Pollution can be point source (pollution from one source) or diffuse (pollution from many sources) and mostly affects the immediate area surrounding the pollution source. Some pollution can travel a lot further and can reside in the water environment and habitat for a long time.

The main types of water pollution are:

**Nutrient pollution**

**Suspended matter/erosion**

**Chemical pollution**

