

SECTION 4.4 PROTECTING RESOURCES

This section discusses laws passed to protect Earth's water, air, and land resources.

Keeping Water Clean and Safe

1. Circle the letter of the term defined as "careful use of resources."
 - a. Recycling
 - b. Pollution
 - c. Composting
 - d. Conservation
2. Circle the letter of the law that requires industries to reduce or stop point source pollution into surface waters.
 - a. Clean Air Act
 - b. Safe Drinking Water Act
 - c. Clean Water Act
 - d. Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
3. Circle the letter of the law that sets maximum contaminant levels for water pollutants that could harm people's health.
 - a. Clean Air Act
 - b. Safe Drinking Water Act
 - c. Clean Water Act
 - d. Resource Conservation and Recovery Act

Protecting the Air

4. Is the following sentence true or false? The Clean Air Act is the United States' most important law for preventing air pollution.
5. How could using less electricity help to reduce air pollution?

Caring for Land Resources

6. What are two ways land resources can be protected?

Match each description with its term.

Description	Term
_____ 7. removing whole forest areas	a. recycling
_____ 8. plowing across the contour of hillsides	b. selective cutting
_____ 9. planting crops with different nutrient needs in adjacent rows	c. contour plowing
_____ 10. fertilizer made of partly decomposed organic material	d. strip cropping
_____ 11. Only some trees in a forest are cut.	e. compost
_____ 12. collecting and processing used items to make new products	f. clear-cutting

7. What law requires companies to store, transport, and dispose of their hazardous wastes according to guidelines?
