

Welcome to Tox Town!

This website <http://www.toxtown.nlm.nih.gov/> will help you understand how toxic chemicals influence the environment and cause health concerns.

Click on the link and use the website to help you answer the following questions.

Read about Algae Blooms

1. What are Algae blooms?
2. What are HAB's?
3. How do algae blooms impact other marine organisms?
4. Name two ways HAB's can negatively affect humans?
5. How are government agencies like the local health department working to keep the public safe from the problem of HAB's?

Explore the Beaches area.

6. What are some of the risks associated with beaches in the United States?
7. Name two causes water pollution at the beach.

Read in the Boats and Ships area.

8. List five ways that a cruise ship may negatively impact our environment.
9. What are some ways that shipyards and shipping companies might improve to decrease their negative impact on the environment?

Read in the Sewage area.

10. What is a sanitary sewer overflow and what risks are associated with it?

Read the Fish Farming section.

11. Fish farms may seem beneficial to the environment, but there are several harmful environmental effects. What are they and what things could be changed to decrease these problems?

Choose another section to read about.

12. Write a brief summary of how that location impacts our environment.
13. Look at the Chemicals and Contaminants tab. There are several chemicals listed in the navigation bar. Select a chemical that is new to you and write a brief summary on the chemical.