

# GLOSSARY

**Aquatic** - Growing or living in water.

**Bacteria** - A large group of one-celled plants which may cause disease.

**Condense** - To become smaller.

**Decompose** - To rot or decay.

**Drought** - Dryness, a bad need of water.

**Evaporate** - To escape as a vapor.

**Evolve** - To develop by the use of natural resources.

**Filtration** - A process where polluted water is poured through filters to clean it.

**Infiltration** - To pass through or into as in filtering.

**Leach** - To percolate through something.

**Leachate** - Fluid which has percolated through something, especially garbage.

**Microorganisms** - Very small organisms, sometimes hard to see with the naked eye.

**Natural Resources** - Materials and energy resources not made by man.

**Nonrenewable** - Not capable of being restored because they are replaced more slowly than they are used.

**Oil** - A nonrenewable natural resource taken from deep in the earth. Very valuable in making products such as gas and plastics.

**Precipitate** - To condense vapor and fall as rain or snow.

**Recycle** - To separate material from waste so it can be used again.

**Reduce** - To make smaller, as in making smaller amounts of garbage through careful product buying.

**Renewable** - Capable of being restored and can be replaced.

**Reuse** - To use again or find another use for.

**Transpire** - To evaporate from plant cells.

**Water Cycle** - The recycling process water goes through from the sky to the earth and back to the sky.