

ABOUT THIS GUIDE

This guide is brought to you by the Association of Environmental Authorities, which is a professional association of the managers of water, wastewater, solid waste and improvement authorities. These professionals who operate the water and wastewater treatment plants and state of the art landfills, dedicate themselves to cleaning the environment and believe that each citizen can play a part in pollution abatement. Children need to be aware of their role. Thus the theme: **Pollution Begins and ENDS with Me.**

The activities in this guide were suggested and reviewed by educators across New Jersey. This is the second edition of My World, My Water and Me! and we have tried to make it more useful and more informative. A few highlights to note are:

- * **The background section is extensive. An educator does not need all of it to use the activities.** However, we have included lots of information to cover all potential water issues. To our dismay, the public libraries are deficient in readable, comprehensive material and we have tried to provide this. Please do not be overwhelmed with all of it.
- * **Air, water and land environmental issues inter-relate.** Many of the activities show this.

- * This guide should be used with **other excellent teacher resources:**
 - * Beneath the Shell (NJDEPE)
 - * Here Today Here Tomorrow (NJDEPE)
 - * Bridges to a Natural World (NJ Audubon Society)
- * Be sure to check the media resources section. Ask your authority to provide these videos:
 - * Nature's Way (Water Environment Federation)
 - * Impacts: Beneficial Uses of Biosolids (AEA - available in all county libraries).
- * To stay current about environmental activities and events join the Alliance for NJ Environmental Educators. Call Pat Kane (908) 766-5787. Their newsletter is made for teachers. Dues are inexpensive.
- * For plant tours of a water, wastewater or solid waste facility, or for a speaker, call AEA at (609) 584-1877.

