

World Wetlands day

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Why are Wetlands important?

God created Wetlands to look after 100s of different plant, bird and fish species. Plants growing in a wetland also clean the water that flows from the river and into the ocean. God also created wetlands to help prevent flooding and act as a natural pest control.

What is happening to our wetlands?

We are destroying our wetlands by filling them in so that we can build houses, shopping centres, roads and other buildings. We are poisoning the wetlands with litter, herbicides and pesticides that fish, birds, frogs and other animal species are dying. Wetland plants are being used for various medicinal purposes and over-using these plants can cause floods in residential areas.

What can we do to help our wetlands?

God created our wetlands without litter, herbicides and pesticides in them. Therefore:

- ❖ Look after our wetlands by keeping them this way.
- ❖ Do not litter, use herbicides, pesticides or other harmful chemicals that can end up in wetlands.
 - ❖ Arrange a clean-up in a wetland.
 - ❖ Visit a wetland and enjoy its beauty.