

# STOP the POPs



Every day across the Pacific, people from all different islands and villages burn their rubbish.



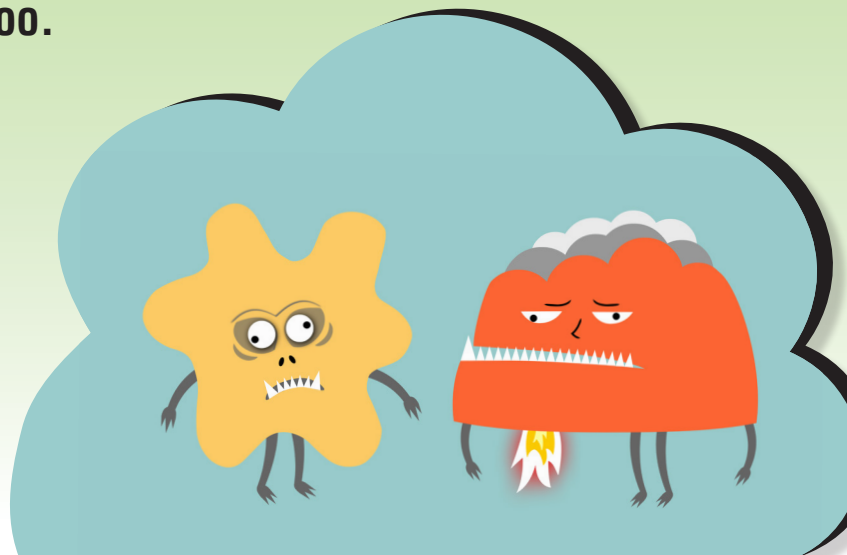
Burning rubbish releases dangerous chemicals into the environment. These chemicals are called **Persistent Organic Pollutants** or **POPs**.



**POPs**, like Dioxins and Furans, come from the smoke and the ash created from burning. They can even go into the water.

**POPs** make people and animals sick. They're bad for the environment too.

In order to stop the **POPs** we need to change the way that we think about waste and change our behaviour too.

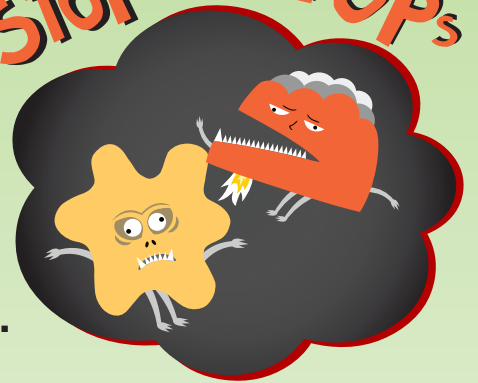




Here are four things that we can do to help

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- 1 Don't burn your waste.
- 2 Separate your rubbish based on what can be composted, recycled and re-used.
- 3 Try to create less waste by doing things like taking your own bag when you go shopping.
- 4 Tell your friends and family about POPs, because when one person burns their rubbish, we all breathe it.



For more information, and to watch the **Stop the POPs** film, please visit

[www.sprep.org/stopthepops](http://www.sprep.org/stopthepops)



## PACIFIC POPs RELEASE REDUCTION PROJECT

Reducing Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) in the Pacific region through the improved management of solid and hazardous waste.

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