

# William H Seward Elementary School.

How you can help  
Make your environment safer.

## Sophia Townsend Conservation Field days!

At the Conservation field days I learned about our water. I learned that there is algae in our water and if you drink it can cause nerve damage, liver damage, and it can make you very sick. one of the big things that gets the algae in to our lake is when there are open ditches and a lot of heavy rain that rain goes into the ditches and brings all of that muddy dirty water into our lake. one way we can help stop that is by hydroseeding the ditches so grass can grow over the ditches and we won't have that problem any more. another thing is that there are two kinds of algae one type is good algae is called green algae is very good. the way you can tell if its good algae or bad algae is if you were to scoop up the green algae with a rake which is the good algae it would be really stringy hanging off the rake. but if you were to take →

the bad algae and scoop it up  
with a rake you would not be  
able to even see it because it  
is microscopic. When the bad  
algae is in the water  
it looks like green paint or  
pea soup. the three things  
to do when you see the  
algae is know it, avoid it,  
and report it. and that  
is what I learned about  
our water at the conservation  
field days.