

## Chapter 23 Consumer Rights and Responsibilities

### Section 23.2 Consumer Responsibilities

#### Reading Activity—Summarize/Paraphrase

**Directions** Read the following excerpt from the textbook. On the lines below, summarize the paragraph in your own words.

#### Choices That Affect the Environment

Many consumer choices can affect the environment. Some vehicles emit more exhaust than others. Some materials, such as certain plastics, cannot be recycled and do not decompose easily. Illegal dumping can harm natural habitats. All of these things contribute to pollution, the contamination of air, water, and land. Pollution is caused by waste from products as well as the ways we use them. People and businesses must help to reduce it by making choices that are good for the environment.

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