**What is the Excretory System?**

****

The excretory system is the system that isolates (to set apart) and discharges (to empty) waste generated during metabolism (the set of [chemical reactions](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chemical_reaction) that happen in the cells of living [organisms](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Organism) to sustain [life](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Life)).

**Excretory System Video Clip:**

<http://player.discoveryeducation.com/index.cfm?guidAssetId=4B03BBE4-95D4-44AB-A42C-91A59F269B8F&blnFromSearch=1&productcode=US>

**Excretory System Reading (Blue – Science Explorer Text) pages D145-D150**

**Excretory System Diagram**