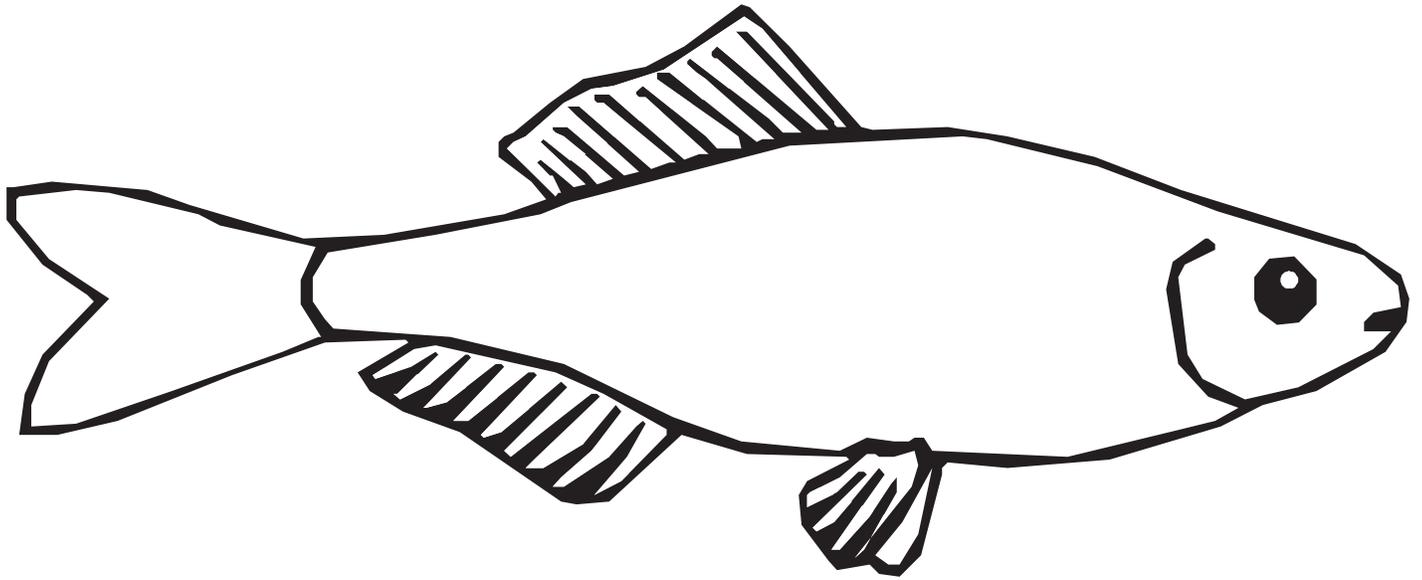


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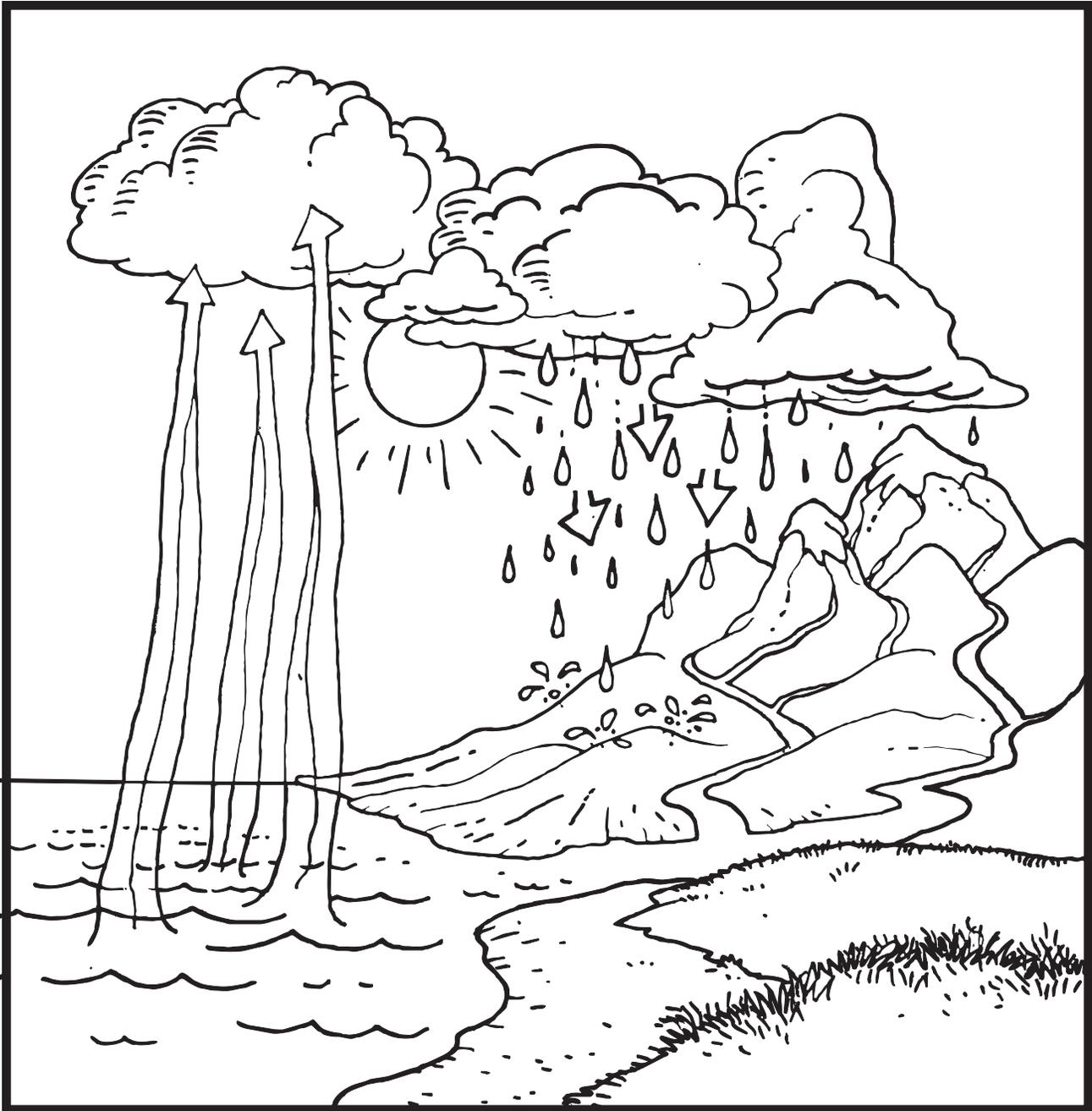


**DRAINS TO CREEK**

Stormwater  
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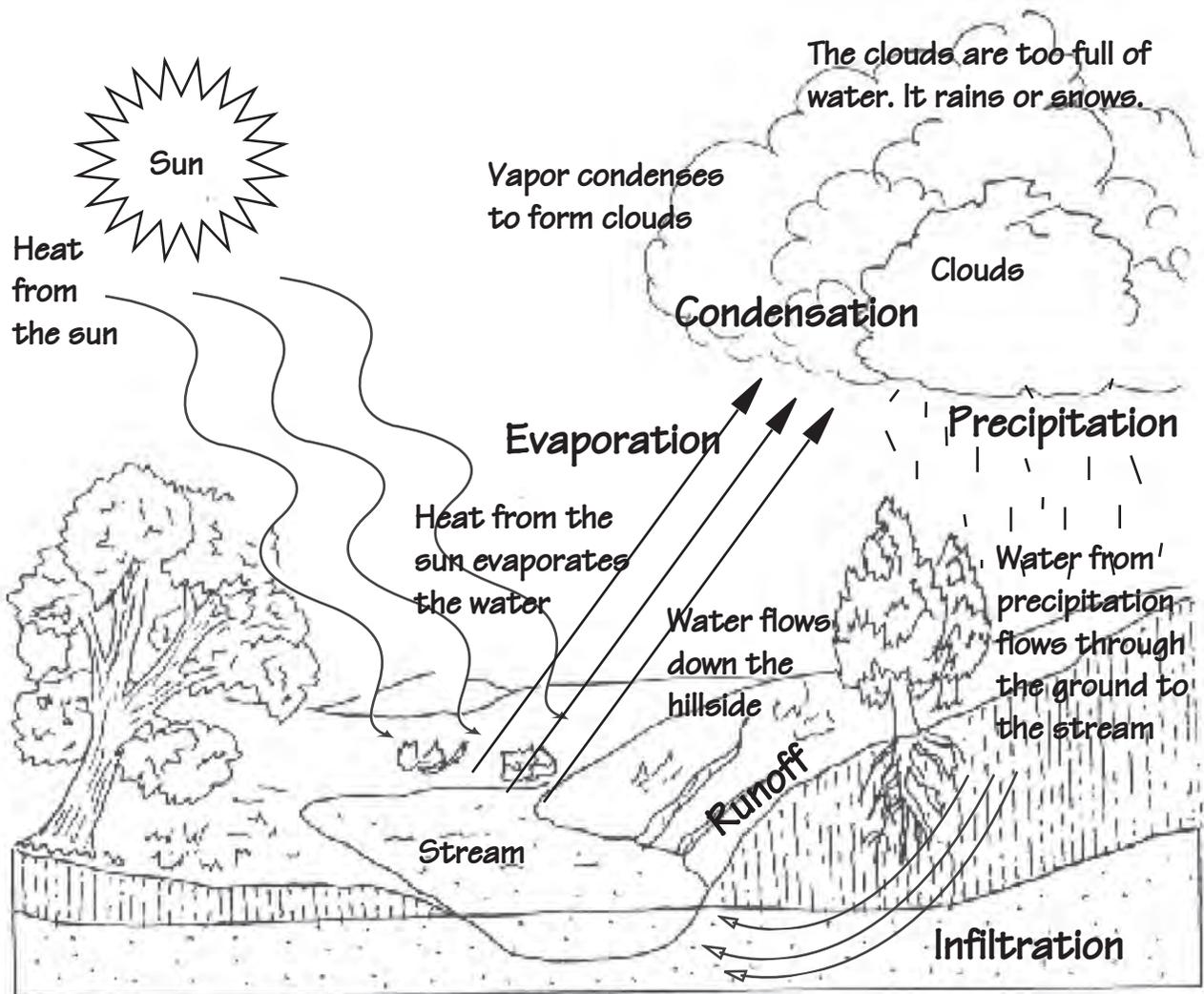
# WHERE DOES WATER COME FROM?

Color the sun yellow.  
Color the clouds gray.  
Color the rain blue.  
Color the mountains brown.  
Color the streams and the rivers blue.  
Color the arrows blue.



Water moves in a cycle. Water falls to earth as rain, snow, and other forms of precipitation. It evaporates into the air, forms clouds, and falls back to earth again as fresh water.

# Water Cycle



## MATCH 'EM

Match the words to the meanings

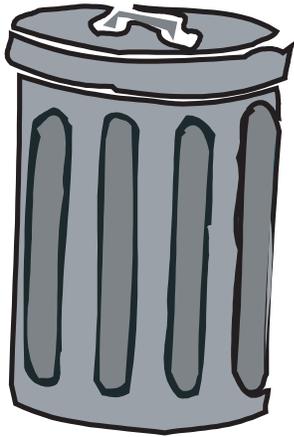
- A: When the rain reaches the earth it flows across the land into lakes, streams and oceans.
- B: The sun heats surface water. The water becomes vapor that rises into the atmosphere.
- C: Liquid is heavier than vapor. Gravity pulls the liquid down to earth as rain or snow.
- D: Water vapor forms clouds. When the clouds cool, the vapor becomes liquid.

- \_\_\_\_\_ EVAPORATION
- \_\_\_\_\_ CONDENSATION
- \_\_\_\_\_ PRECIPITATION
- \_\_\_\_\_ RUNOFF

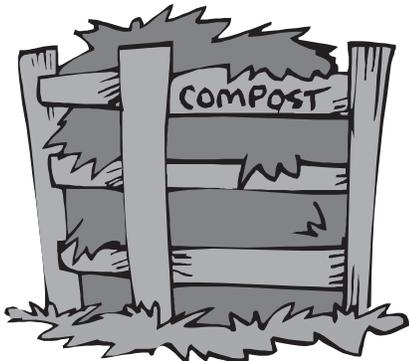
# Matching

Proper disposal of our waste keeps it out of our stormsewer systems and our streams.

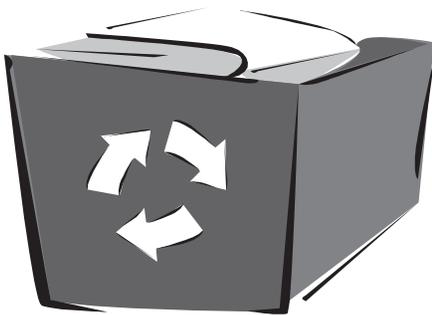
Draw a line from the waste to the proper disposal place.



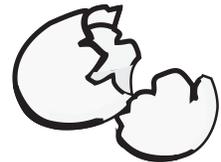
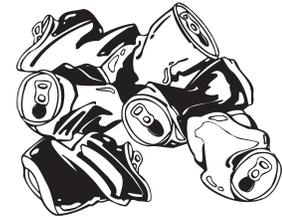
Trash



Compost



Recycle



# Fill in the Blanks

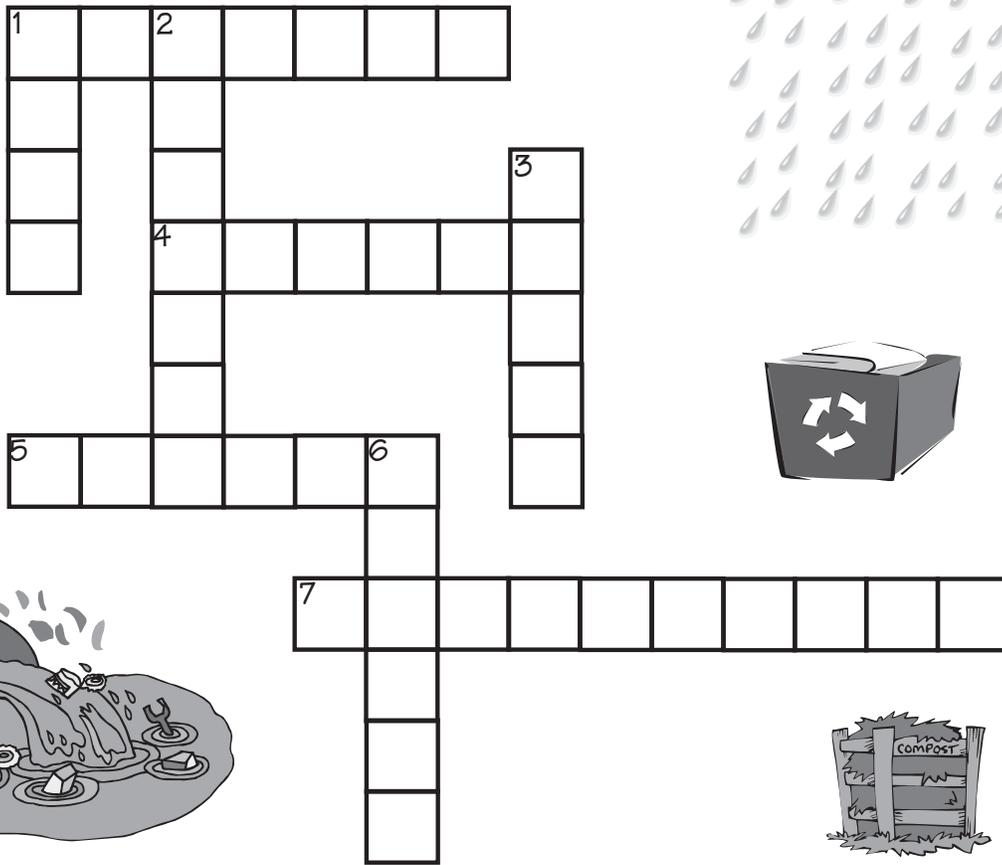
Use the words from the list below to complete the tips on how each of us can help prevent stormwater pollution.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the car on the lawn or at the car wash, so dirt, oil and soap don't end up in the storm drain.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ your parents take leftover paint and antifreeze and old batteries to a household hazardous waste collection facility.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ waste by recycling all items possible, like glass, plastic, aluminum cans and newspapers.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ the driveway instead of hosing it off to keep debris out of the storm sewer.
5. Ask your parents to \_\_\_\_\_ used motor oil.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ pet waste and put it in the trash rather than leave it on the ground.
7. Make \_\_\_\_\_ out of grass clippings, leaves, fruit rinds, used coffee grounds and use it in your garden for nutrients.
8. Water the lawn for \_\_\_\_\_ periods to prevent runoff.

PICK UP  
REDUCE  
SWEEP  
WASH

SHORTER  
RECYCLE  
HELP  
COMPOST

# Crossword



## Across

- 1 What should be done with used oil, tires, glass and newspaper
- 4 Who can help prevent stormwater pollution
- 5 Trash that's on the ground
- 7 Heat from the sun \_\_\_\_\_ water

## Down

- 1 Water that falls to the earth (precipitation) in the summer
- 2 What is made of leaves, grass clippings and fruit rinds
- 3 Trash that's on the ground can end up in the storm \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Trash that's on the ground can end up in the storm sewer and then in our \_\_\_\_\_.



# Color Me



# WHO LIVES IN A WATERSHED?

A watershed is the land that water flows across or under on its way to a stream, river, lake or ocean. Water runs to the lowest point in the watershed.

At the bottom of the page, list the things in this picture that live in a watershed.



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# Word Scramble

Pollution is carried by stormwater to our streams where it hurts many living things. Unscramble the words below to find some of the life affected by stormwater pollution. Use the picture on page 8 to help you and color each thing on page 8 that you unscramble here.

EPEPLO \_\_\_\_\_

ORGFS \_\_\_\_\_

HFSI \_\_\_\_\_

USBG \_\_\_\_\_

ERDE \_\_\_\_\_

UKSCD \_\_\_\_\_

IDRBS \_\_\_\_\_

SNAPLT \_\_\_\_\_

UTRSTEL \_\_\_\_\_

BRATBIS \_\_\_\_\_

SEPT \_\_\_\_\_



# Word Search

Find the words from the list below. They may appear up, down, across, backwards and diagonally.

W I Q C Y L G E J P E S T I C I D E S E  
G R E A S E D F E R T I L I Z E R M W A  
J E U I S G F H X E S N T S C A A T O Z  
O C R T S O P M O C D F E S I C W P Z S  
S Y L O N G O B W I L I T N X B N W Z N  
M C I U Q T G Y W P O L L U T I O N R O  
P L R E O F Z E I I L T J C Q U I F E W  
N E R R W E X R J T W R S E R R T V T M  
S R O L I T T E R A J A Q W E L A J S R  
M I Y U E S P S G T A T T L V M R R A D  
L V U Q D A W P S I E I Z E I N O U W O  
N F Y S I W B R I O M O N C R E P A D L  
P D W N Z T Y U R N T N K D W L A R R V  
T A T U R E W E S M R O T S E R V L A S  
H R I X N P S P S T O R M W A T E R Y A

MOTOR OIL

GREASE

RECYCLE

YARD WASTE

PET WASTE

LITTER

COMPOST

PESTICIDES

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PRECIPITATION

INFILTRATION

EVAPORATION

RUNOFF

POLLUTION

STORMWATER

STORMSEWER

RAIN

SNOW

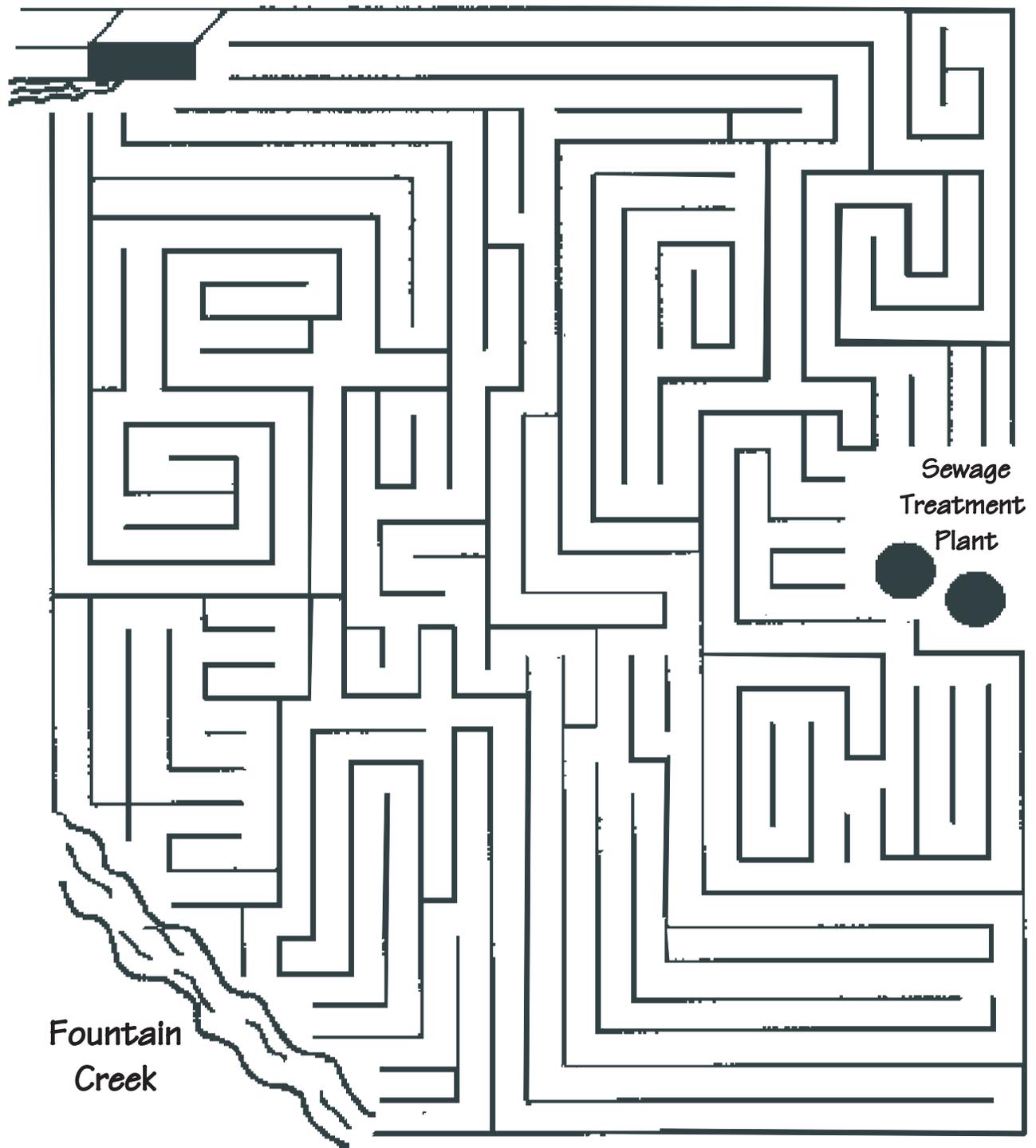
PAINT

RIVER

WATER

# The A-Mazing Stormwater Story

Everyone knows that water flows. But who knows where the water goes? Follow the gutter water through the storm drain system to find out.



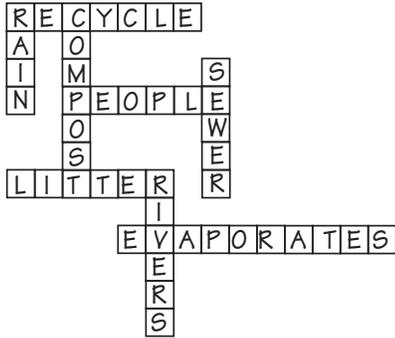
Does gutter water go to the sewage treatment plant or to the creek? \_\_\_\_\_

# Answer Key

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MATCH'EM ANSWERS:  
Top to bottom: B,D,C,A

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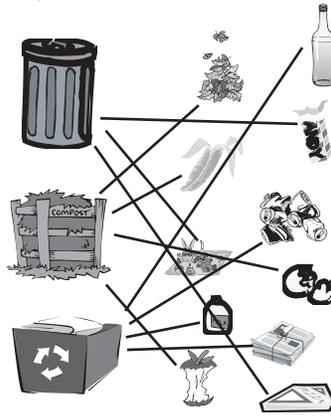
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- PEOPLE
- FROGS
- FISH
- BUGS
- DEER
- DUCKS
- BIRDS
- PLANTS
- TURTLES
- RABBITS
- PETS

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- BIRD
- BUG
- DEER
- DUCK
- FISH
- FROG
- PEOPLE
- PETS
- PLANTS
- RABBIT
- SHEEP
- TURTLE

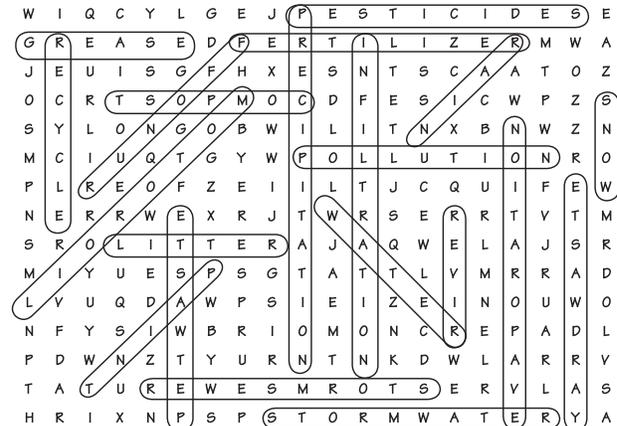
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1. WASH
2. HELP
3. REDUCE
4. SWEEP
5. RECYCLE
6. PICKUP
7. COMPOST
8. SHORTER

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