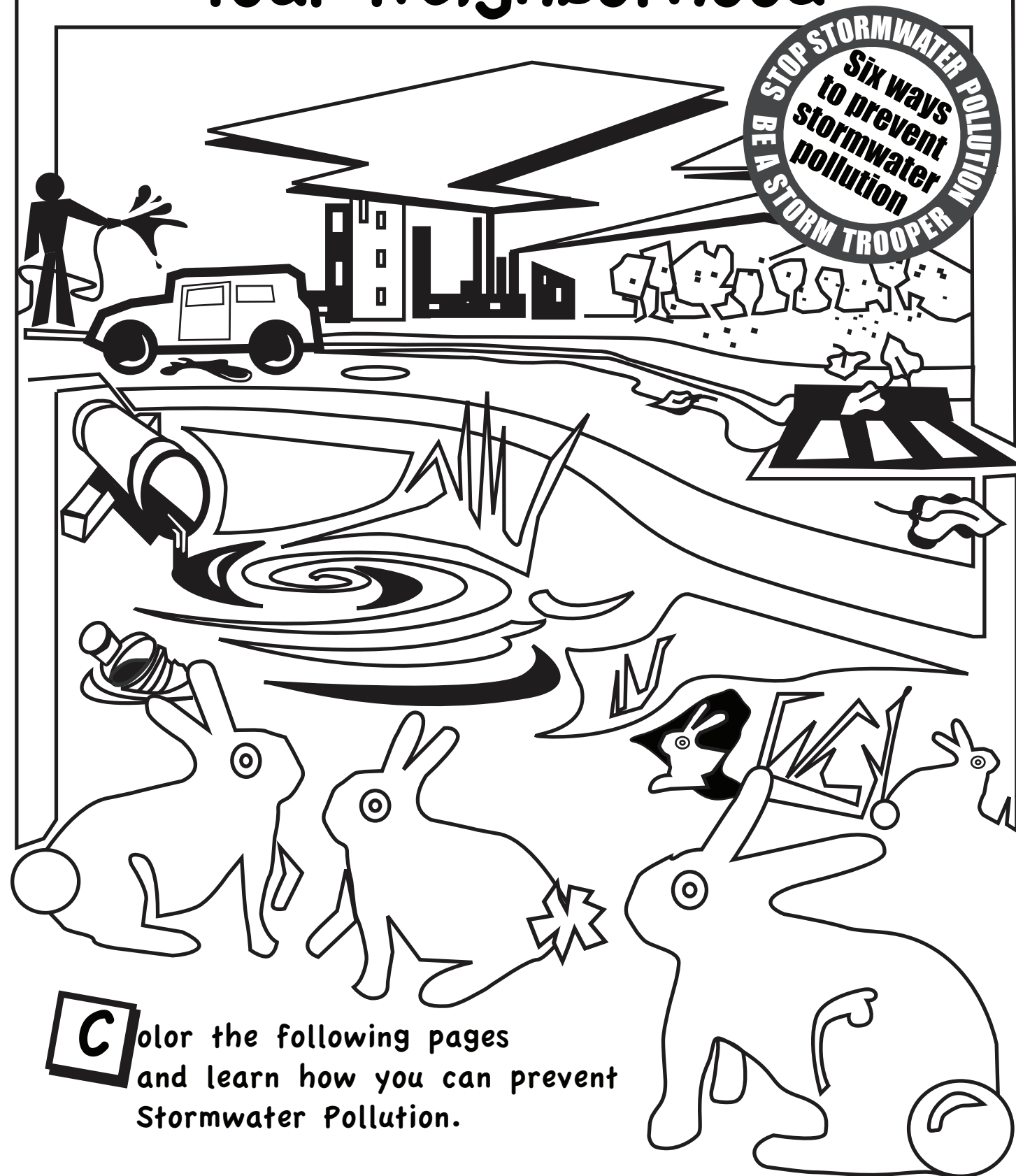


Stormwater Pollution In Your Neighborhood



Color the following pages and learn how you can prevent Stormwater Pollution.

“Only rain in the storm drain”



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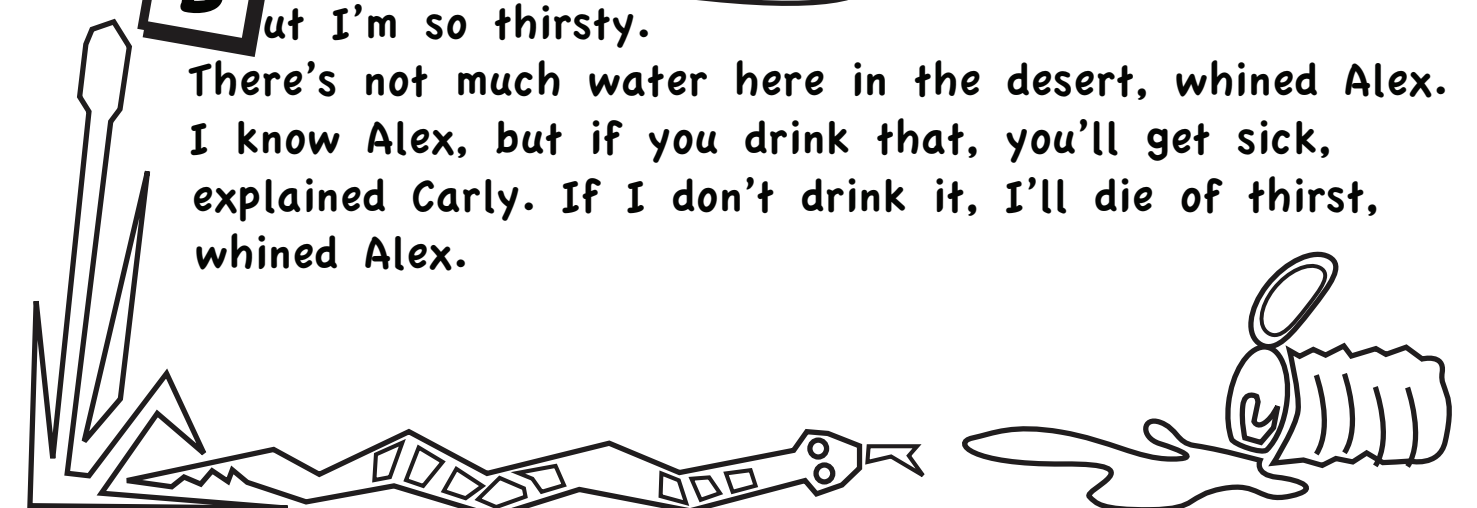
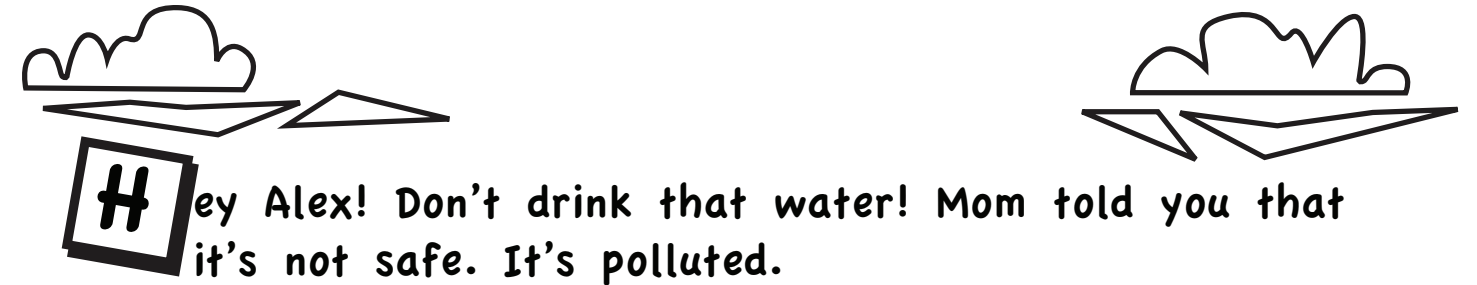
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Due to the fact that stormwater is not routinely tested or treated, it is vital that it is not polluted as it travels the Stormwater System.

For more information regarding stormwater, please contact us at **623.773.7432** or visit our website at **www.peoriaaz.gov**

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Come on Alex, let's get back to the burrow, coaxed Carly. Mom will be waiting for us. I sure hope she has something to drink, gasped Alex.



Back at the burrow, Mom was with the younger bunnies, Dusty, and Cota.

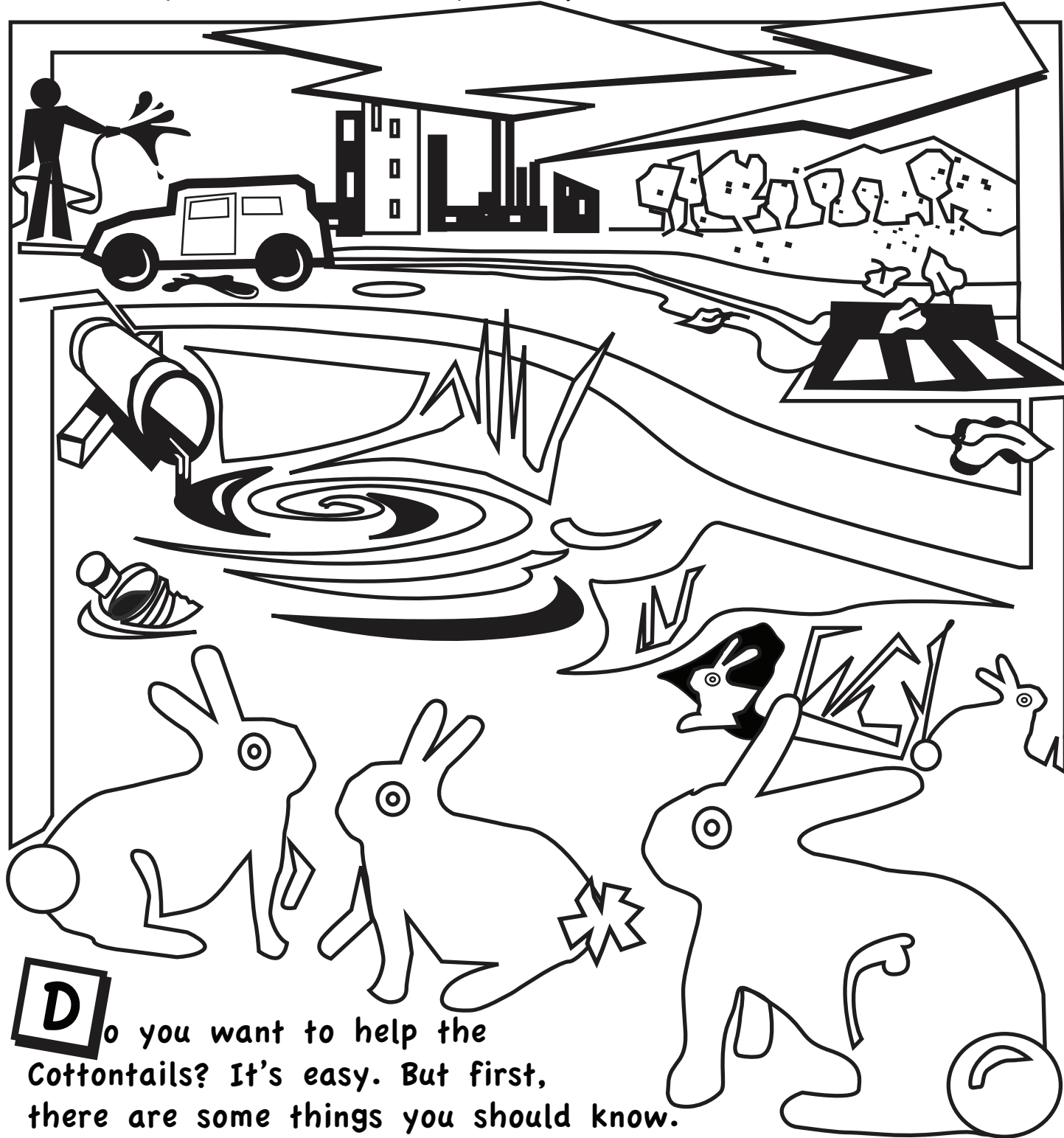


Mom looked worried.

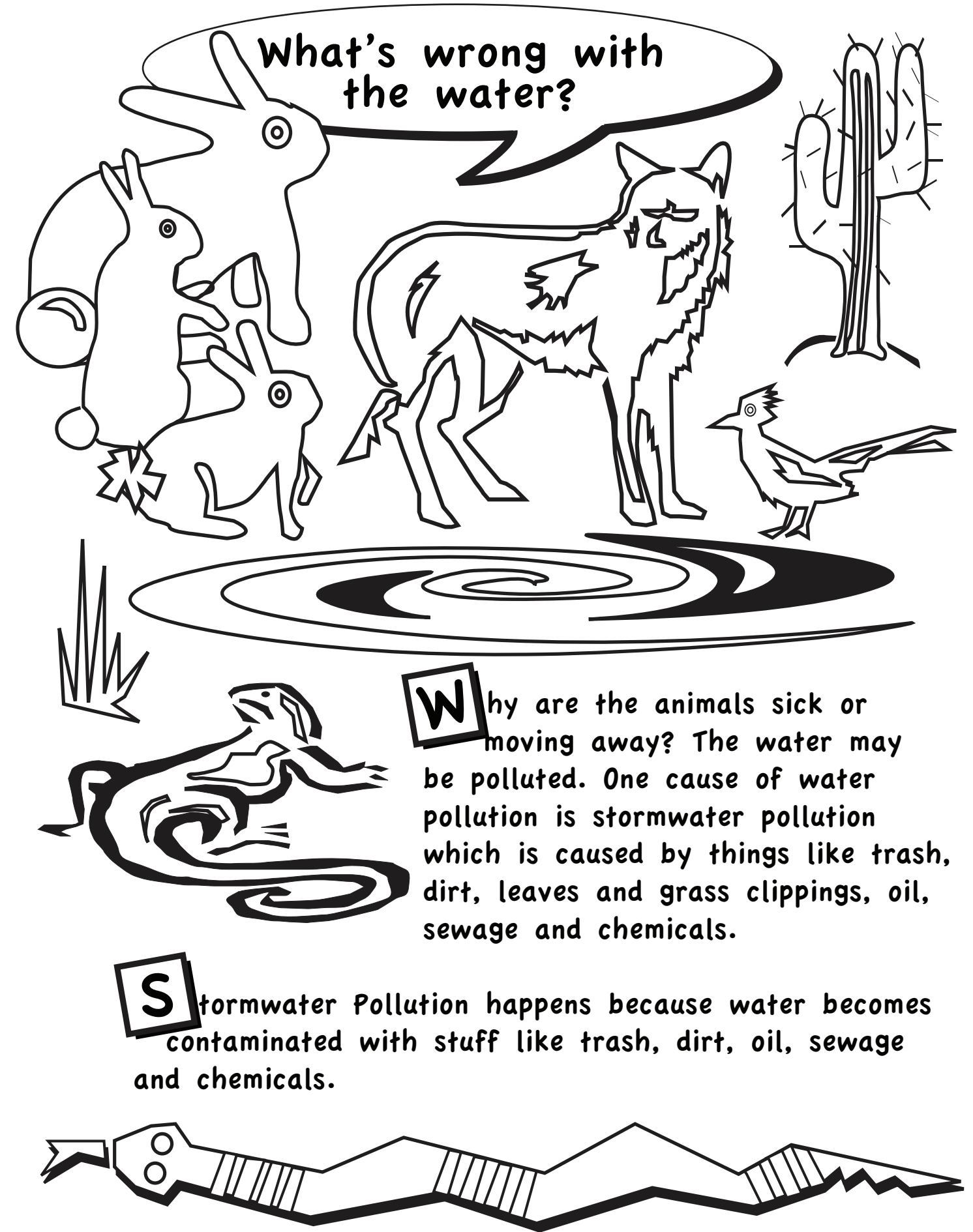
What's wrong, Mom? asked Carly. The pond is polluted now too, Mom whispered. Oh no, said Alex, who overheard her whisper. What will we do? We have to move again, to find clean water, said Mom.



How does the water get polluted, Mom? asked Alex.
 People throw their trash in the streets. They wash paint, oil and chemicals into the storm drains. They leave leaky cars on the streets and they wash their dirty cars in the driveway. I guess the people don't know that the things they do can hurt us. If they did, I know they'd help us.



Do you want to help the Cottontails? It's easy. But first, there are some things you should know.

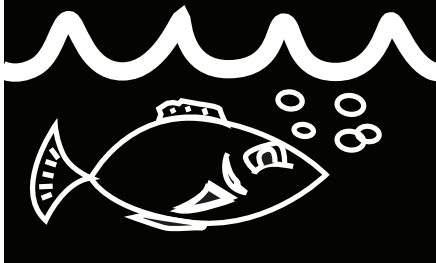


What's wrong with the water?

Why are the animals sick or moving away? The water may be polluted. One cause of water pollution is stormwater pollution which is caused by things like trash, dirt, leaves and grass clippings, oil, sewage and chemicals.

Stormwater Pollution happens because water becomes contaminated with stuff like trash, dirt, oil, sewage and chemicals.

How does water become polluted?



We cause pollution. When it rains, the water that flows over the streets and in drainage ditches picks up pollutants such as trash, dirt, leaves and grass clippings, oil, pet waste and chemicals and carries them, untreated, into our rivers, streams and lakes.



Pick up pet waste and place it in a bag, seal it and dispose of it in the garbage.



Never dump or dispose of debris or garbage into a storm drain, ditch or street.

Draw a line to connect the right response

Wash your car
Cigarette butts
Grass or leaves
Pet waste

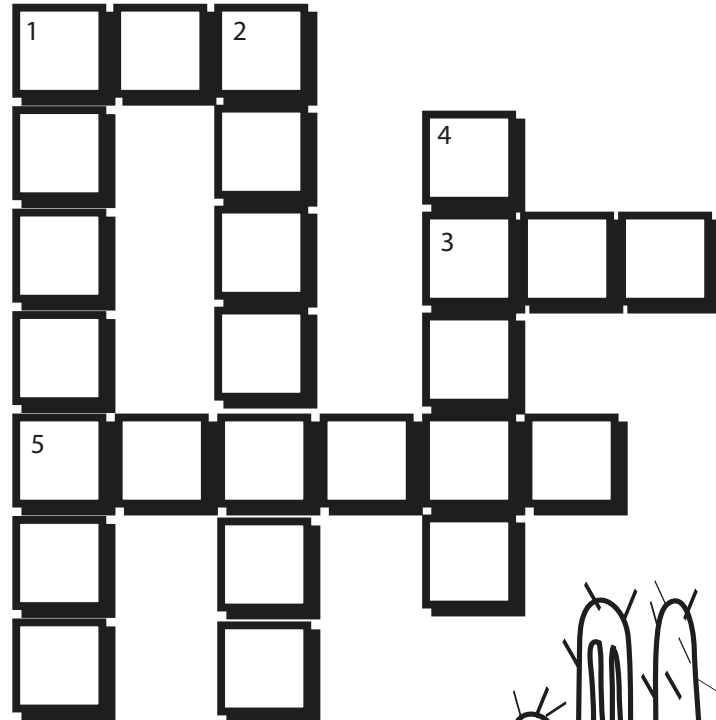
never blow onto the street
bag it, seal it, dispose it.
are litter
on rocks or the lawn

ACROSS:

- Pick up pet waste and put it into a _____.
- Cigarette butts _____ litter and can pollute storm drains.
- Don't put _____ grass clippings or yard debris in a storm drain.

DOWN:

- You can recycle _____ and cans.
- Dispose of litter in the _____.
- Wash your car where the _____ will drain onto the grass or rocks.



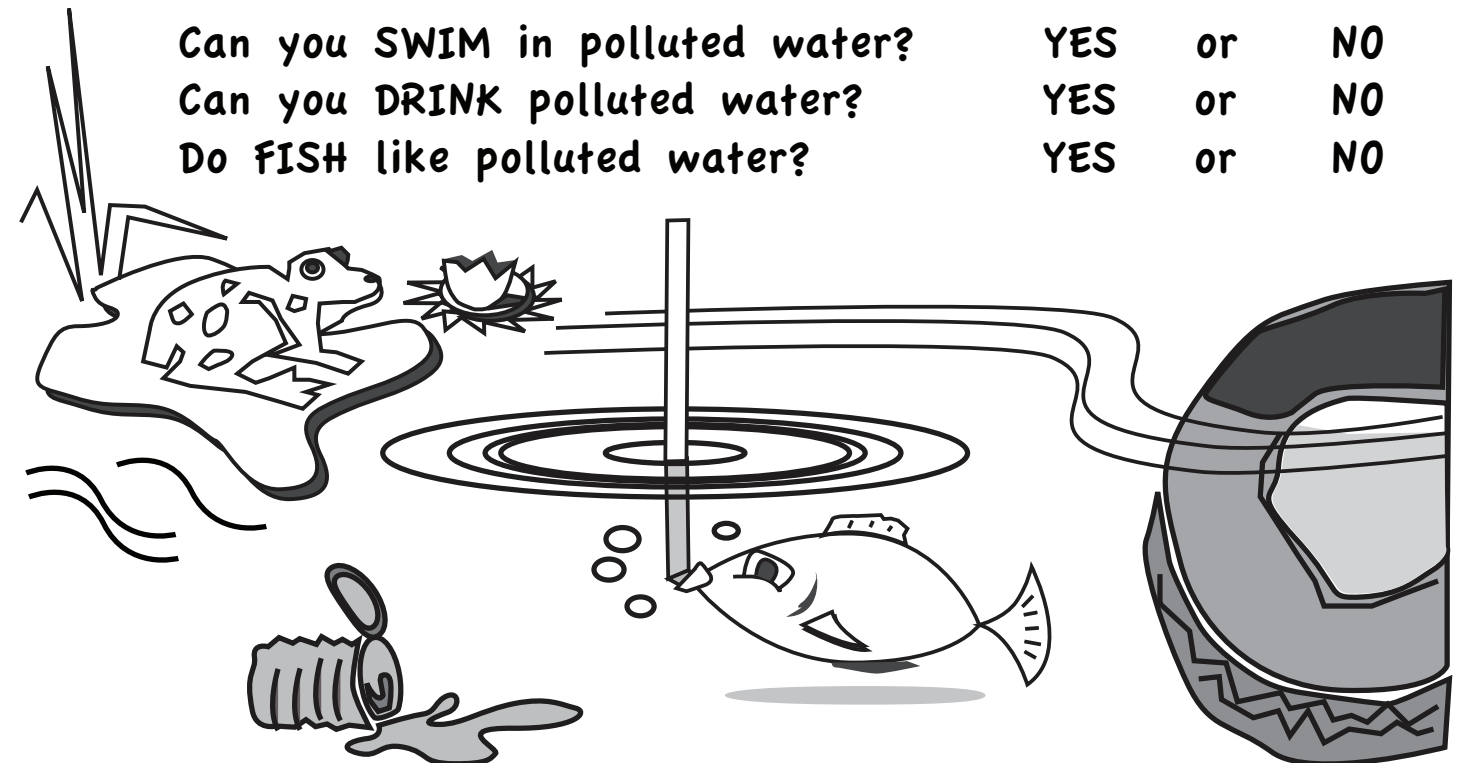
Dispose of all litter in the garbage, not in the streets where it washes into the storm drain.



When streams and lakes are polluted, all the plants and creatures that live in the water can suffer. People are affected, too. Polluted water is unsuitable for drinking, recreation, agriculture and industry.

See if you can answer the following questions:

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| Can you SWIM in polluted water? | YES | or | NO |
| Can you DRINK polluted water? | YES | or | NO |
| Do FISH like polluted water? | YES | or | NO |

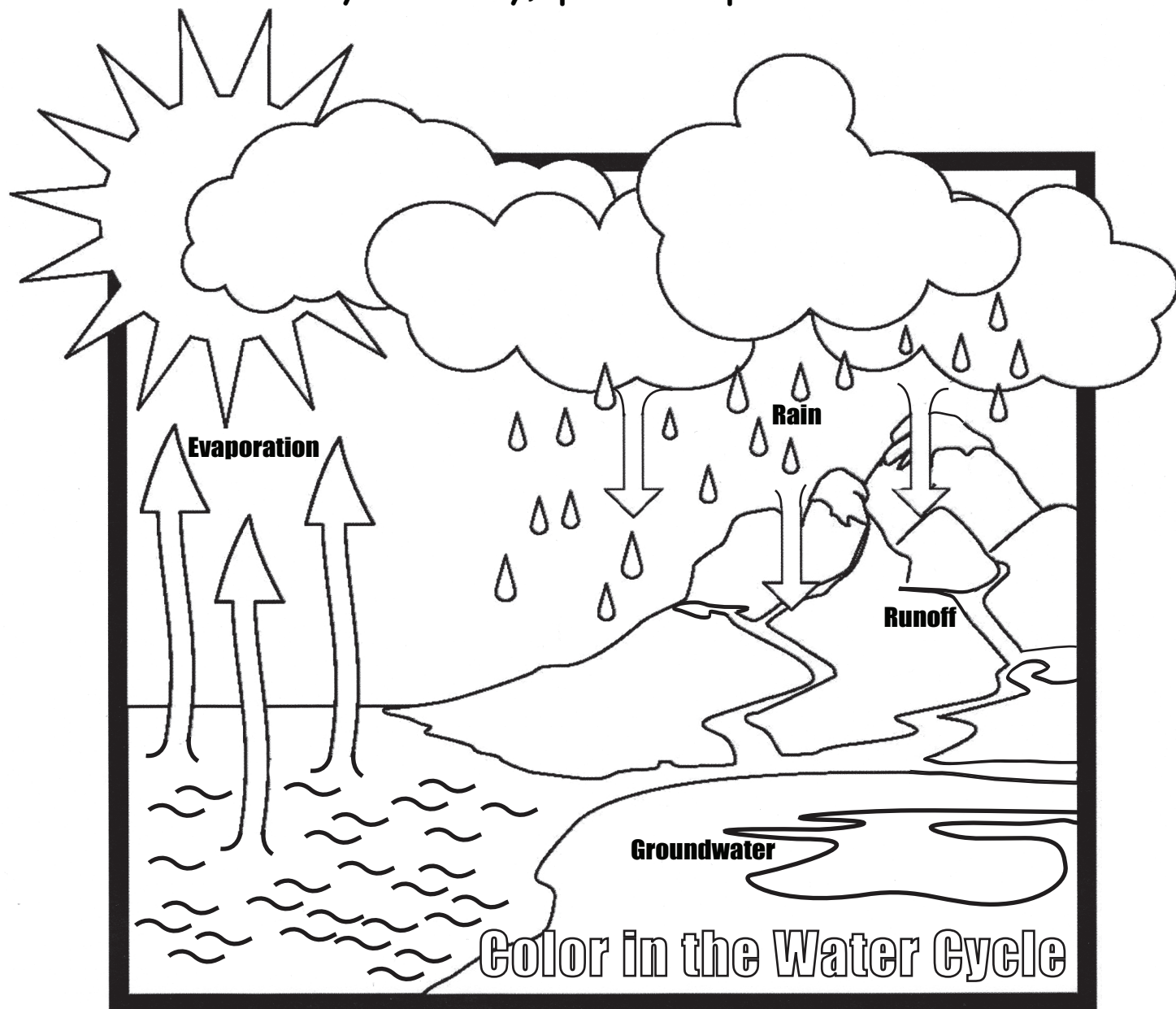


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Never dispose of motor oil or paint, into a storm drain, ditch or street. Apply lawn and garden chemicals when there is no chance of rain or runoff.



Color in the Water Cycle

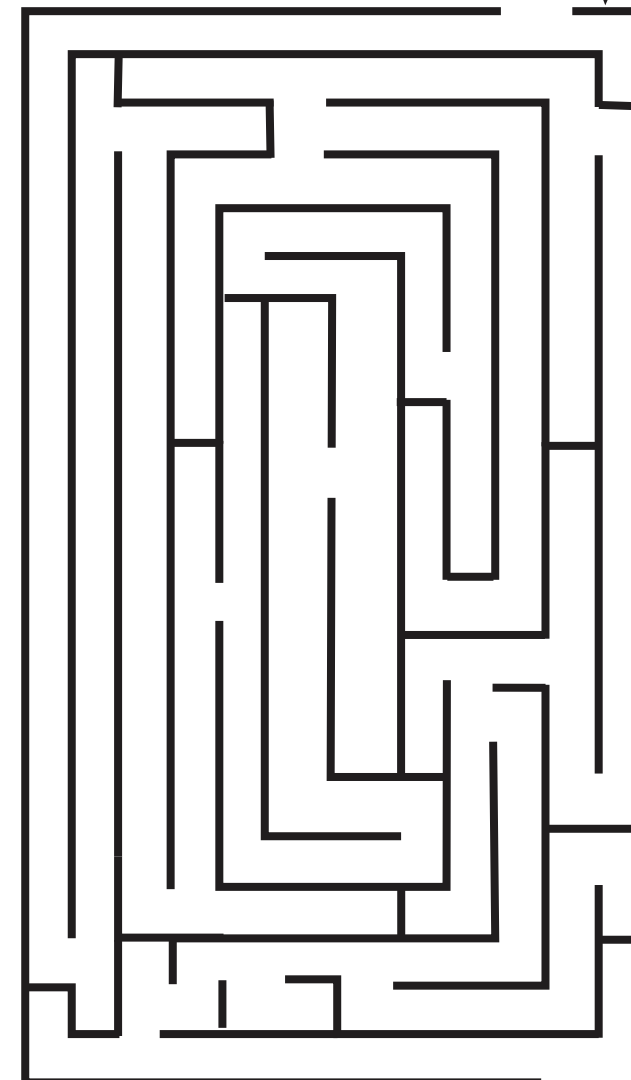
Find the following words: Grease, Runoff, Pollution, Water, Stormwater, Rain, River, Waste. They may appear up, down, across, backwards, or diagonally.



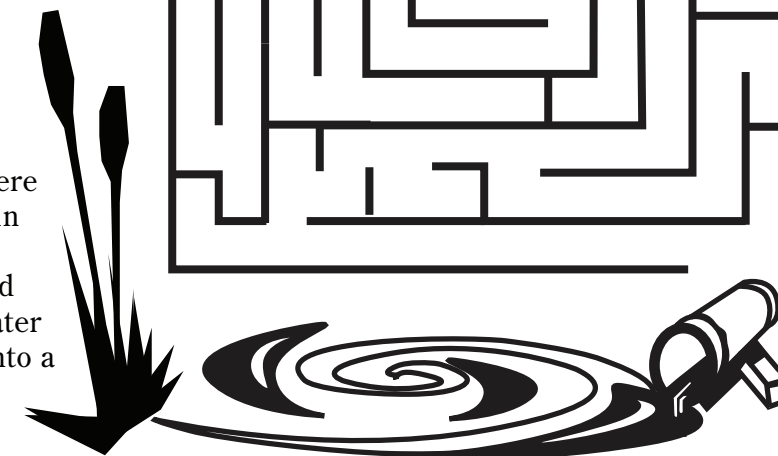
Never sweep or blow leaves or yard debris into a storm drain, ditch or street, bag and dispose instead.

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 W A S T E N O I T U L L O P F
 S T O R M W A T E R F T O K E

Help Alex make it through the storm drain to the pond.



Wash your car where the water will drain onto the grass or rocks to absorb and filter your soapy water instead of running into a storm drain.





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