

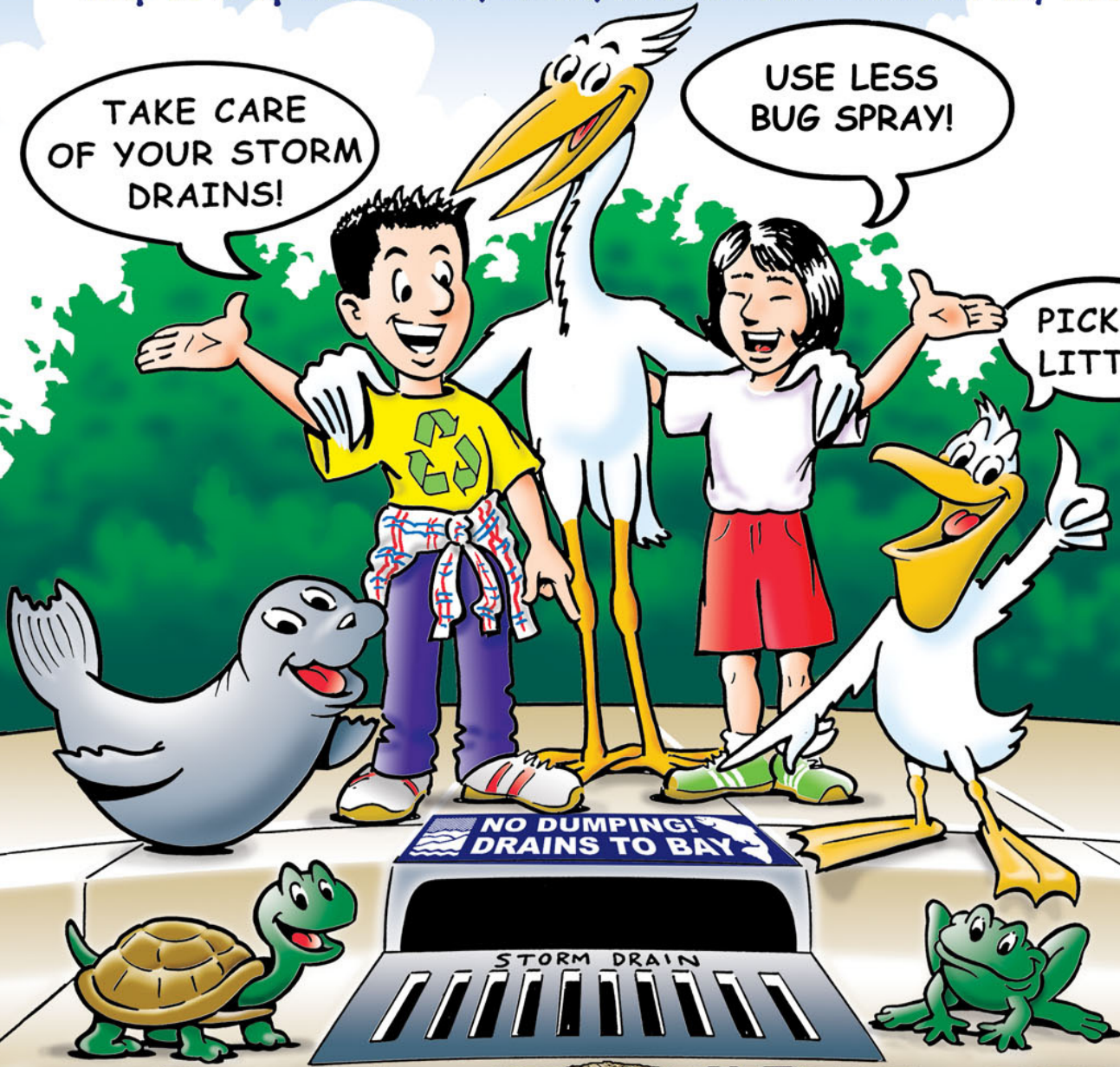
PROTECT OUR WATER and WILDLIFE

Help Us Keep Our Creeks, Lakes, and the San Francisco Bay Clean!

TAKE CARE
OF YOUR STORM
DRAINS!

USE LESS
BUG SPRAY!

PICK UP
LITTER!

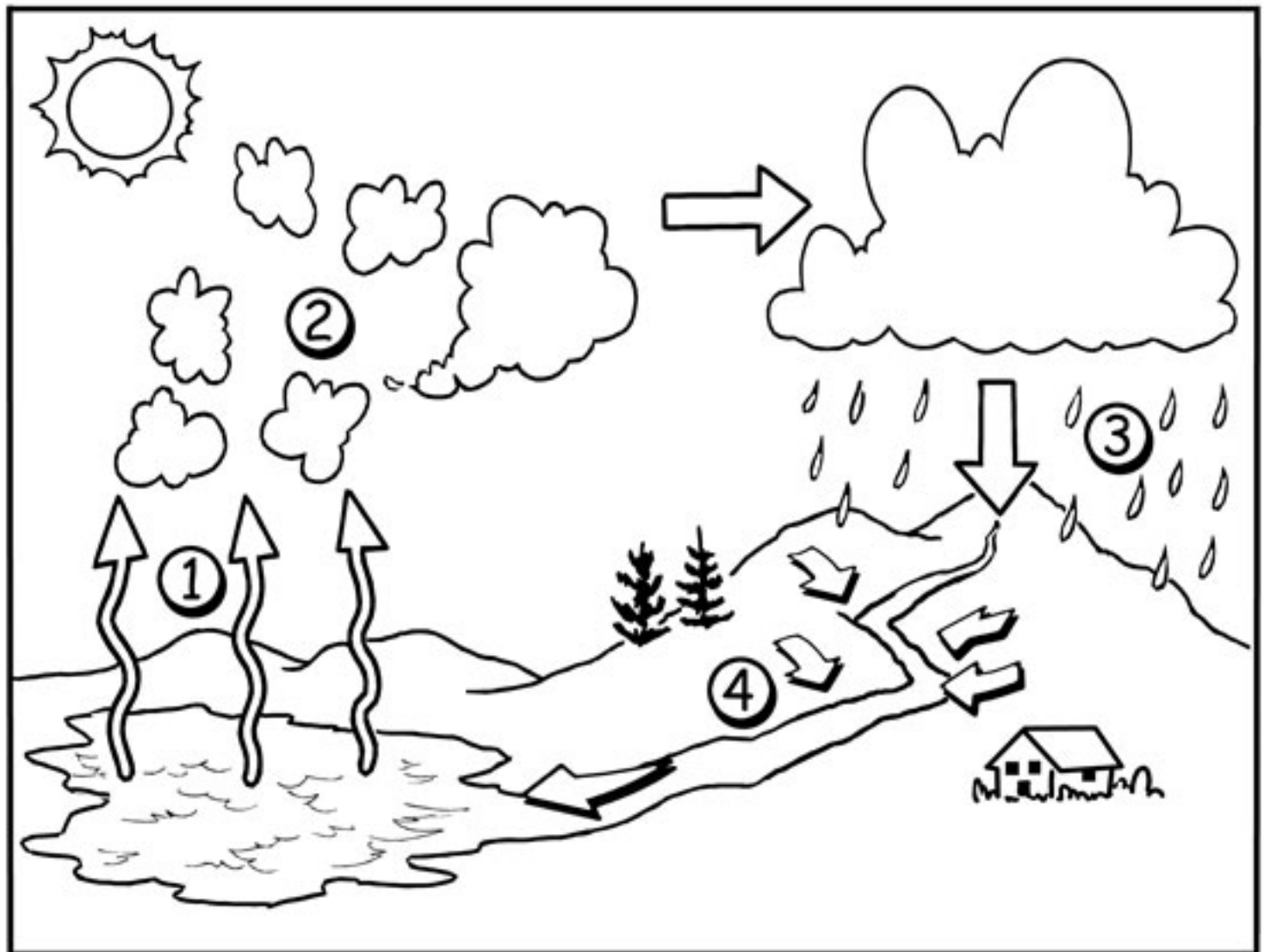


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THE WATER CYCLE



1. **EVAPORATION** is when water is heated by the sun and turns it into vapor or steam.
2. **CONDENSATION** is when water vapor cools and turns into tiny drops of water that form clouds.
3. **PRECIPITATION** is the water in the clouds that falls to the earth as rain or snow.
4. **STORMWATER** runoff is precipitation that flows over the ground back into creeks, lakes, the Bay, and ocean.

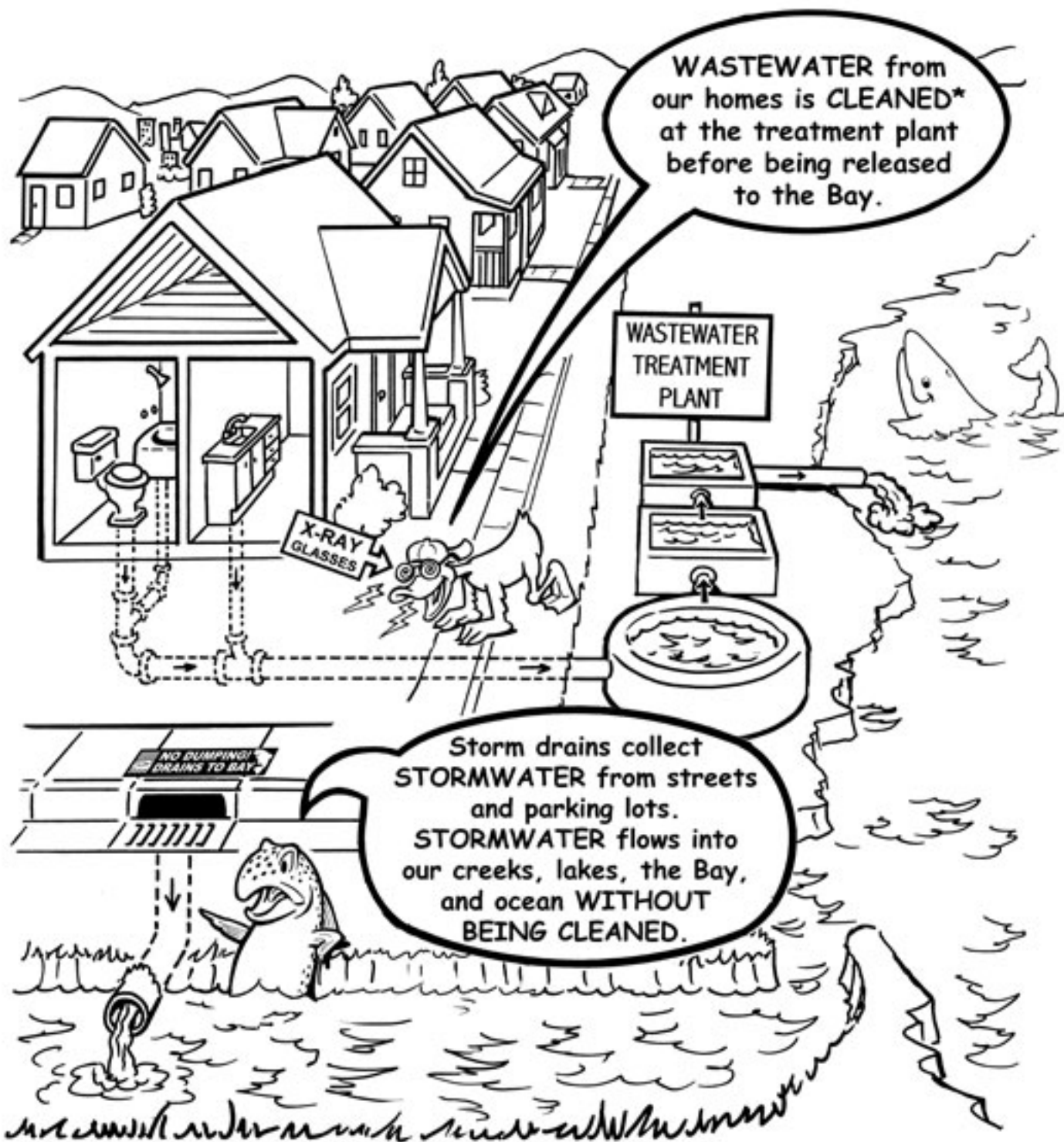
ACTIVITY

Color precipitation **BLUE**.

Color condensation **GRAY**.

Color evaporation **RED**.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN "STORM" WATER AND "WASTE" WATER?



ACTIVITY:

Color the path of the STORMWATER from the storm drain to the creek and the Bay BLUE.
Color the path of WASTEWATER from the house to the treatment plant YELLOW.

* Some chemicals that are found in households (like paints, pesticides and motor oil) pass right through the treatment plant and into the bay.



Follow the water from your home to the wastewater treatment plant where it will be cleaned before it is returned to our creeks, lakes, the Bay, and ocean.

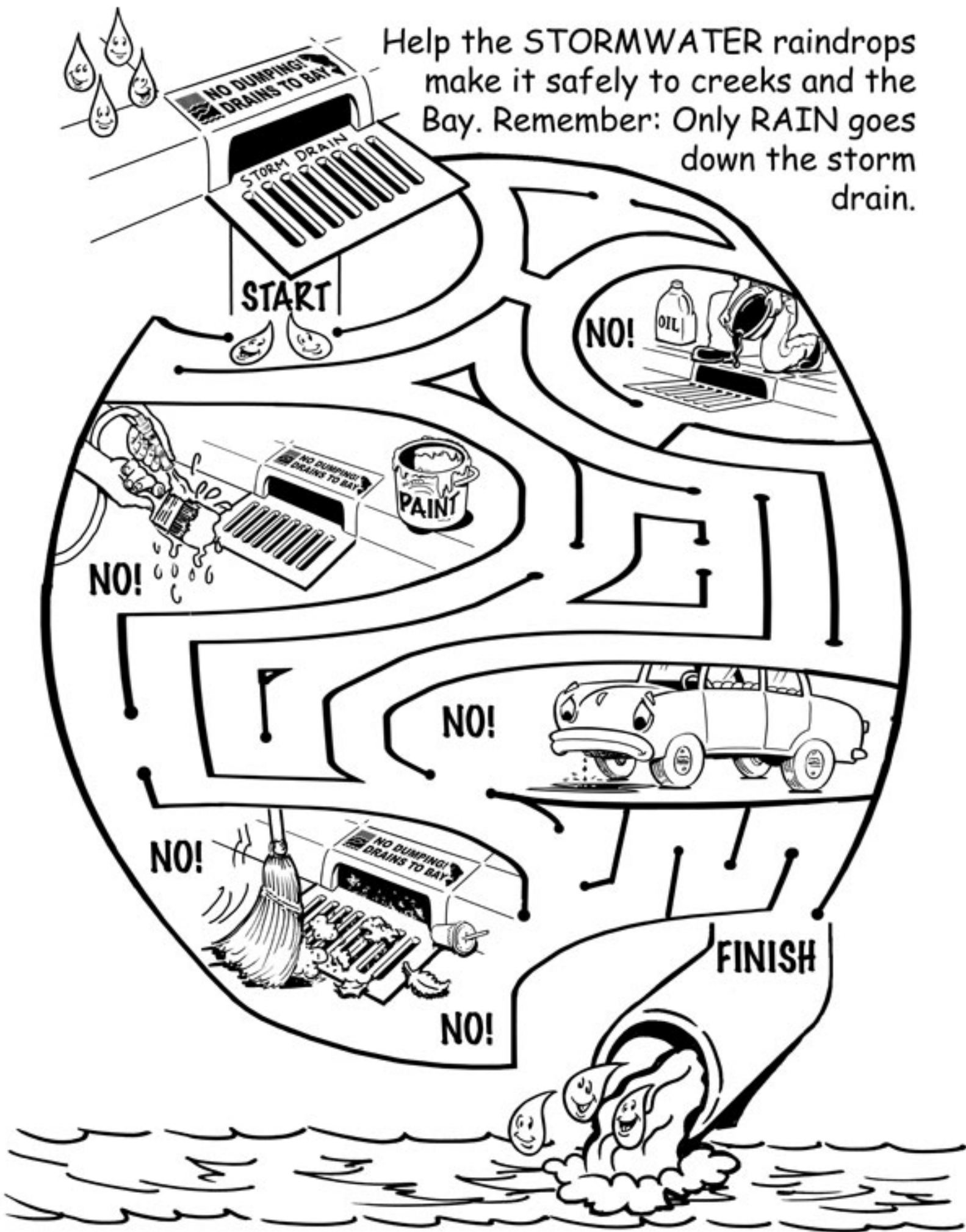
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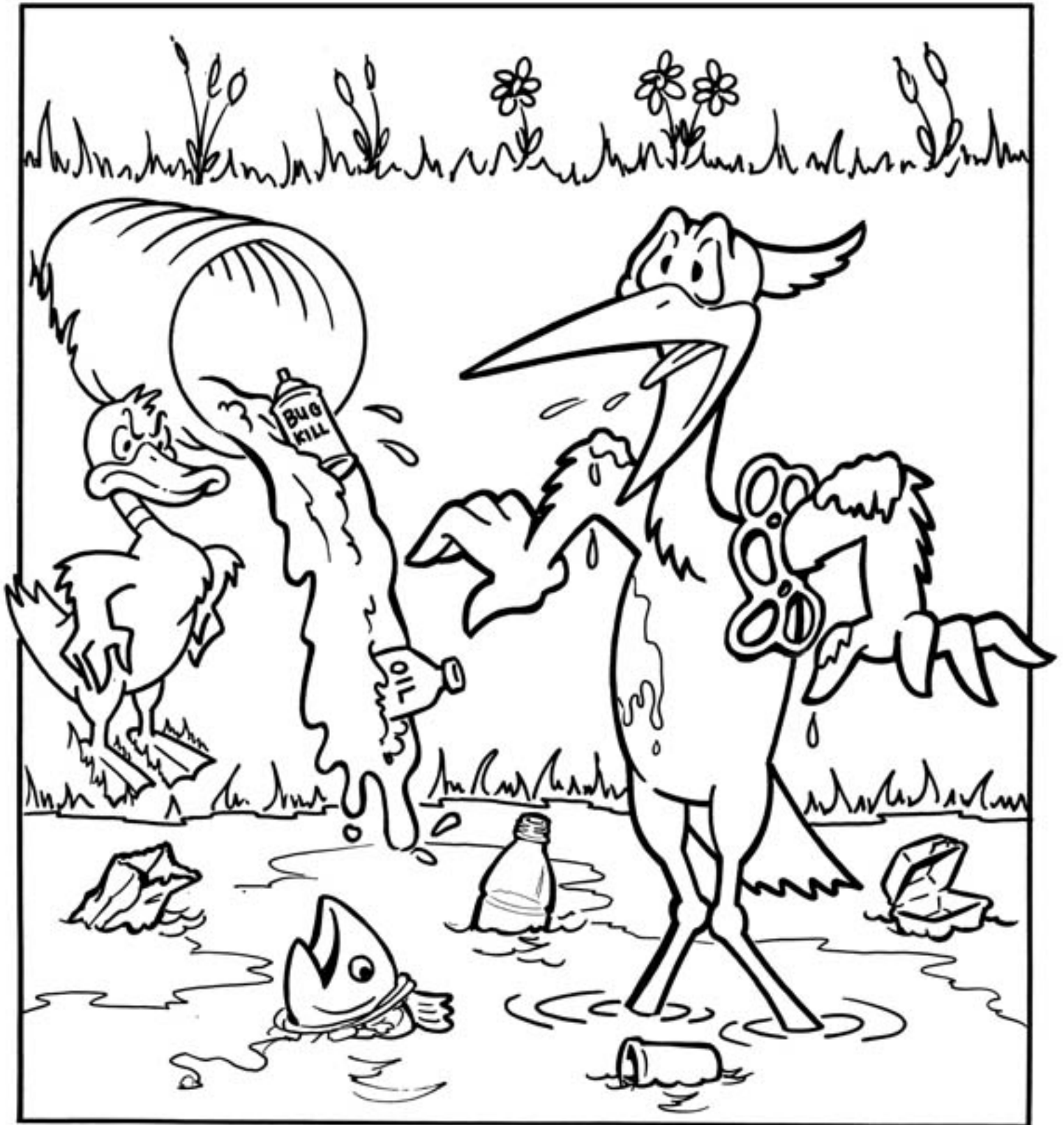


Help the **STORMWATER** raindrops make it safely to creeks and the Bay. Remember: Only **RAIN** goes down the storm drain.





How would you like it if this happened in **your** home?

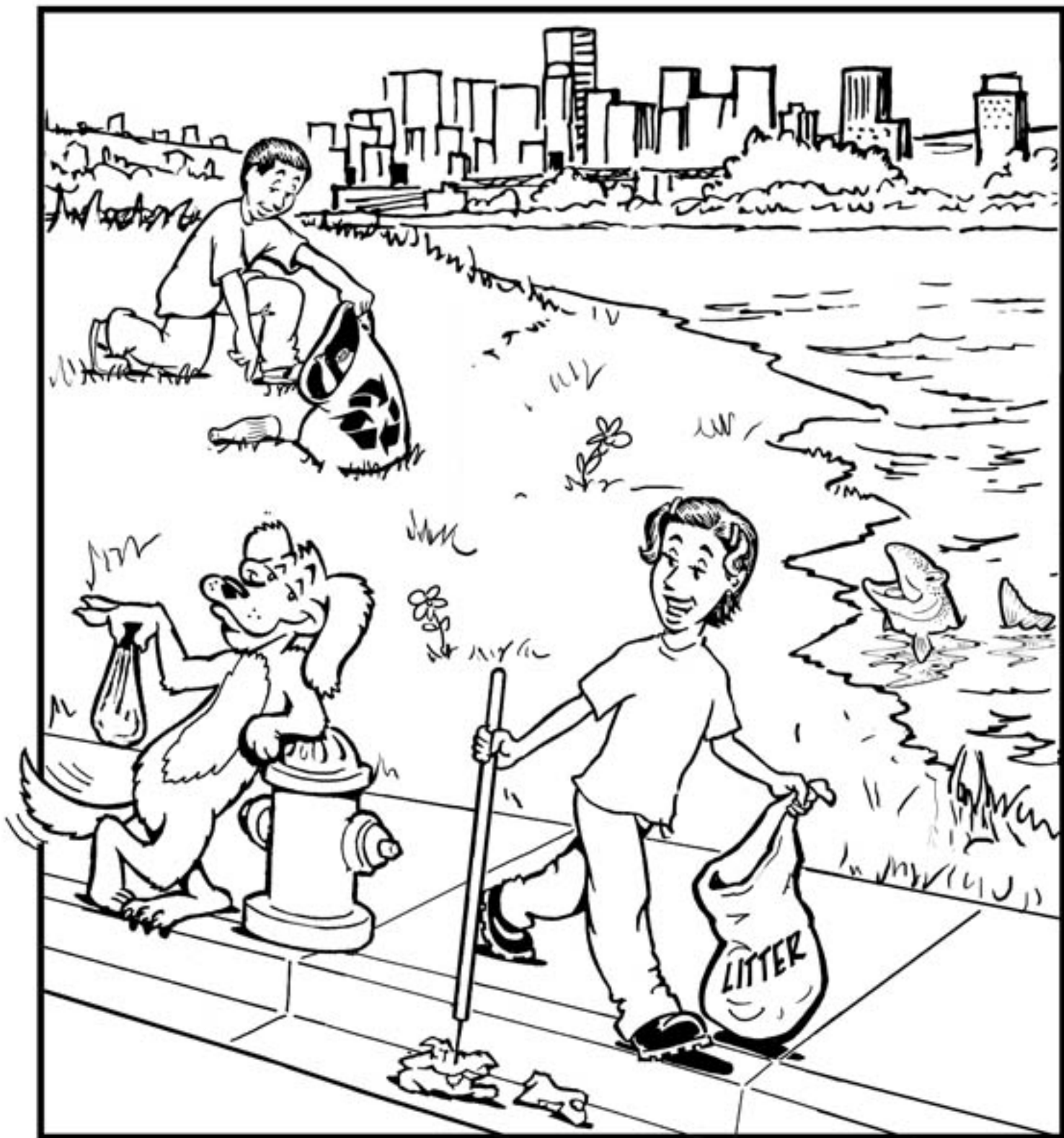


That's what happens to animals in **their** home when we let wastes go down a storm drain. Dirty motor oil, litter, bug killers, and soap pollute the water.

In Alameda County, all storm drains lead directly to local creeks and the Bay.



1. Dirty **motor oil** and other wastes make animals sick.
2. **Oil** coats the feathers of birds so they can't fly.
3. Animals can choke on **litter** or get trapped and tangled up in it.



Help protect our water and wildlife! Pick up after your pet and dispose of the waste in the trash. Take part in community creek, lake, or shoreline cleanups. Always throw your trash in a garbage can. Remember to reduce, reuse, and recycle!



CLEAN WATER
CERTIFICATION

This certifies that

(put your name here)

will help keep
Alameda County's creeks
and the Bay clean for the
animals that live there.

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**BACK OF "CLEAN WATER
CERTIFICATE"**

TEAR-OUT PAGE

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MAKE A PROMISE, MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Draw a picture of an activity you can do to keep water clean. Make a promise to do it and help protect animals from pollution. Write your promise below.

I promise to _____

I know I can make a difference in my home, school, and community by keeping my promise above.

NAME _____ DATE _____

Cut and hang to remind you to keep our creeks, lakes, and the Bay clean.

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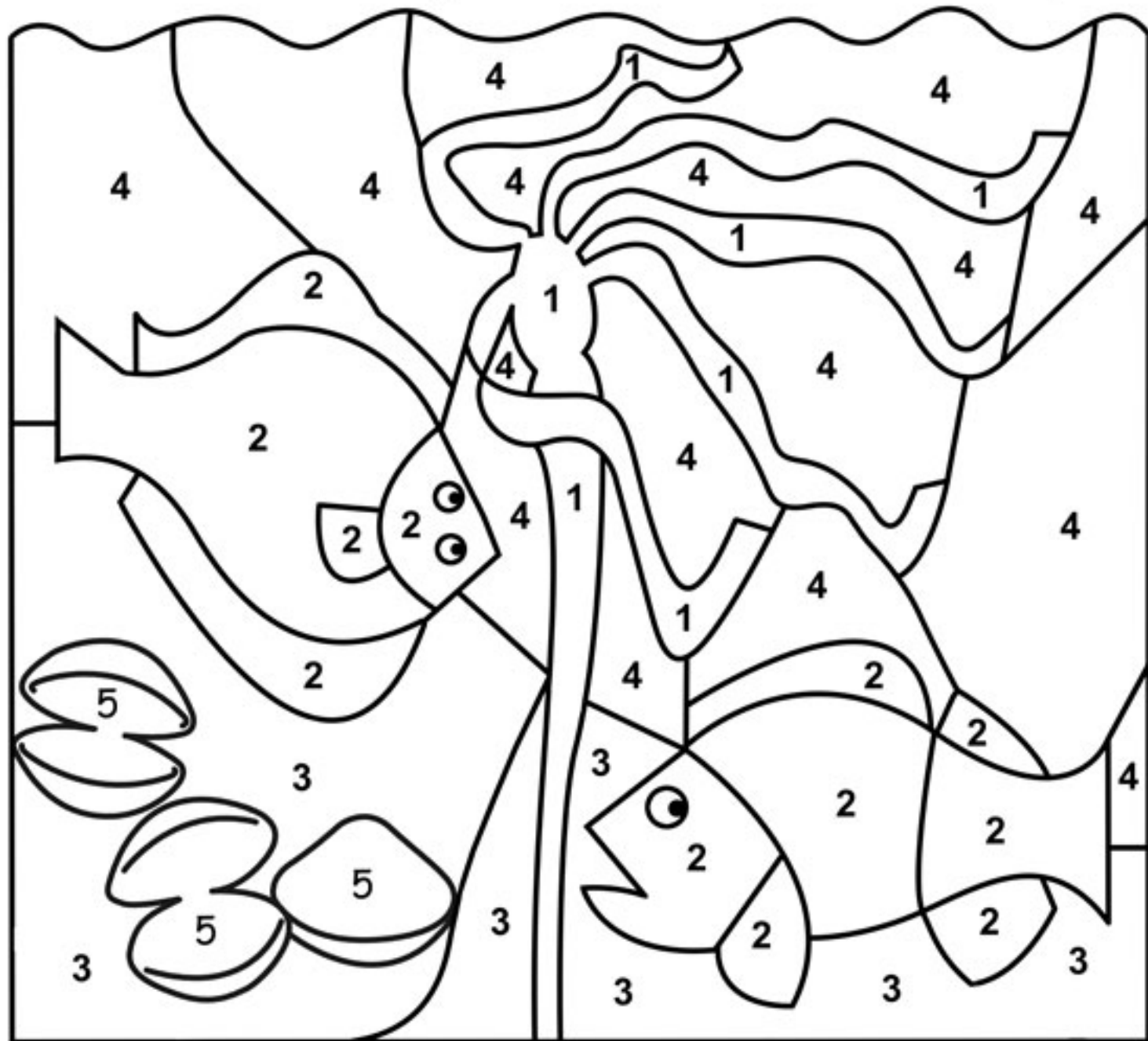
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WHAT NEEDS CLEAN WATER?

Look at the color for each number. Color the numbers in the picture. See what needs clean water.

1 Green 2 Orange 3 Brown 4 Blue 5 Gray





-  Never dump anything into the storm drain or gutters.
-  Ask your parents to avoid the use of bug spray and to learn about less toxic methods to control pests.
-  Pick up litter, trash, and pet wastes. Put them in the garbage.
-  Ask your parents to maintain their car. Fix leaks of oil, antifreeze, and brake fluid.
-  Ask your parents to use latex paints in place of oil-based paints. Wash brushes in the sink and not in your storm drain.
-  Participate in a creek, lake, or shoreline cleanup.
-  All storm drains in Alameda County lead to local creeks, lakes, and the San Francisco Bay where wildlife live. Help keep their homes clean by making sure "Only Rain Goes Down the Storm Drain!"

For more information, contact the Alameda Countywide Clean Water Program at (510) 670-5543 or visit us at www.cleanwaterprogram.org



**NO DUMPING!
DRAINS TO BAY**