

Wendell the Duck's Guide to

WATER QUALITY



SAMPLE

Hi, kids,
I'm Wendell
the Duck!

I'm here to
teach you
about water
quality.

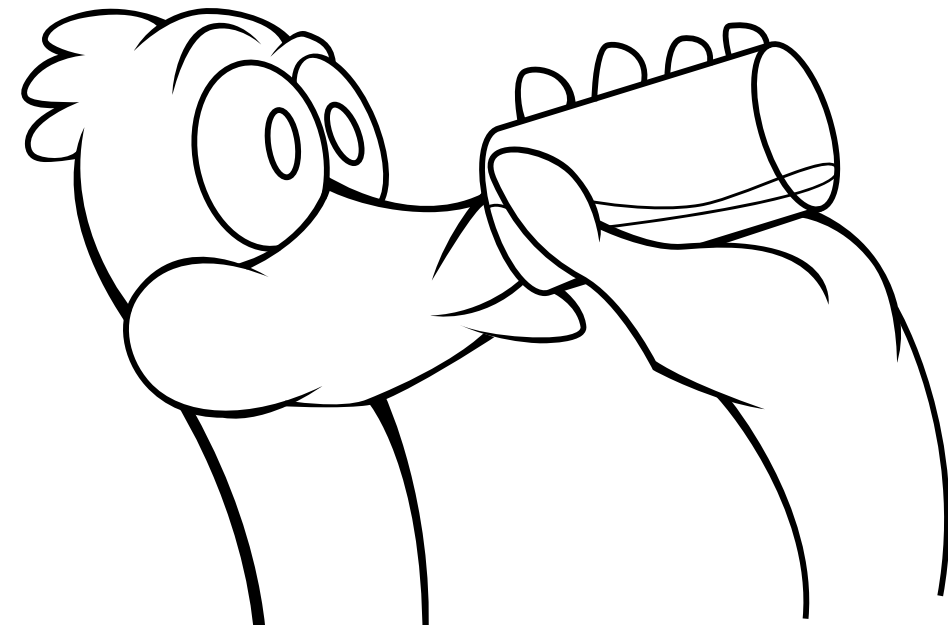


We use water every day, for:

**BRUSHING
TEETH**

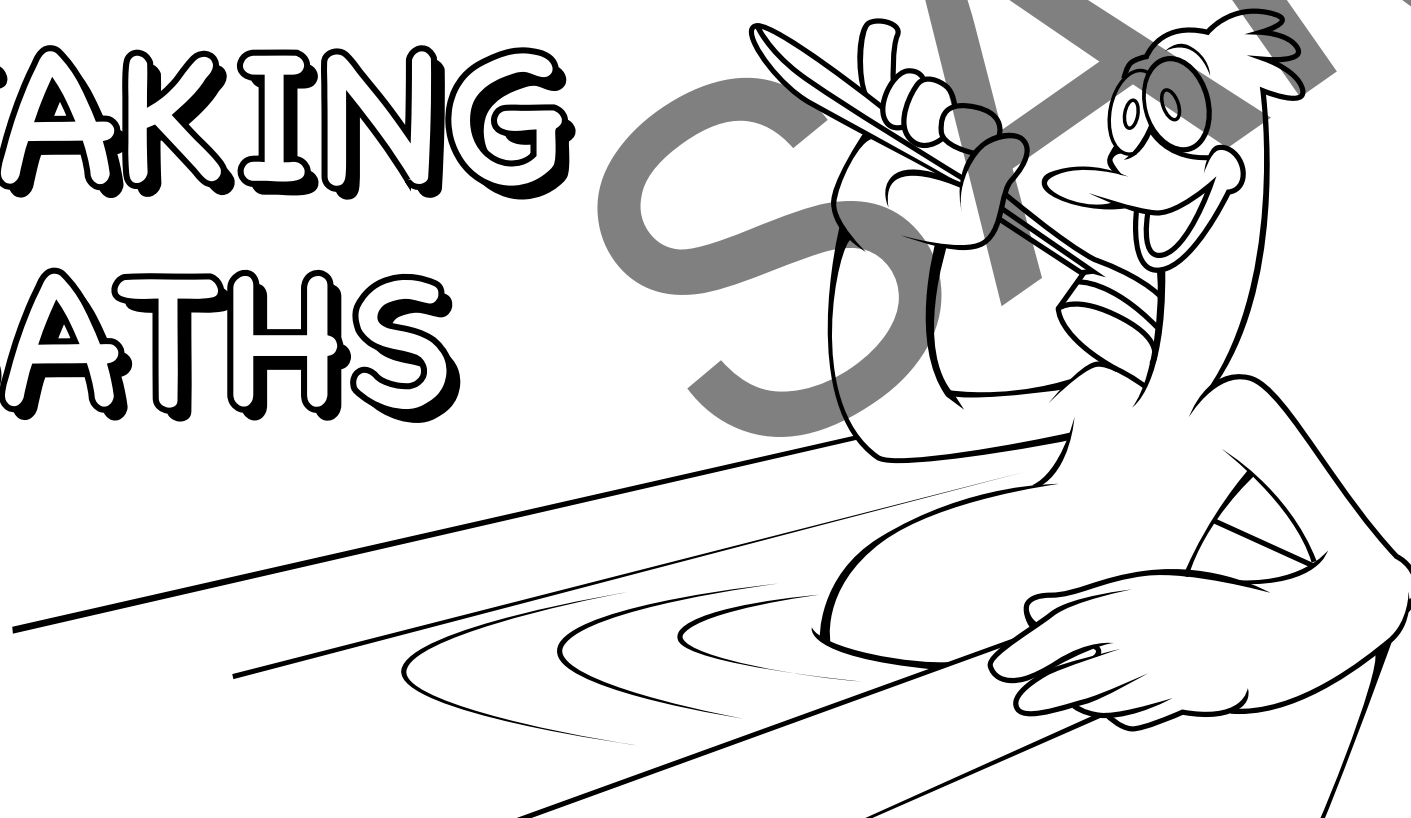


DRINKING

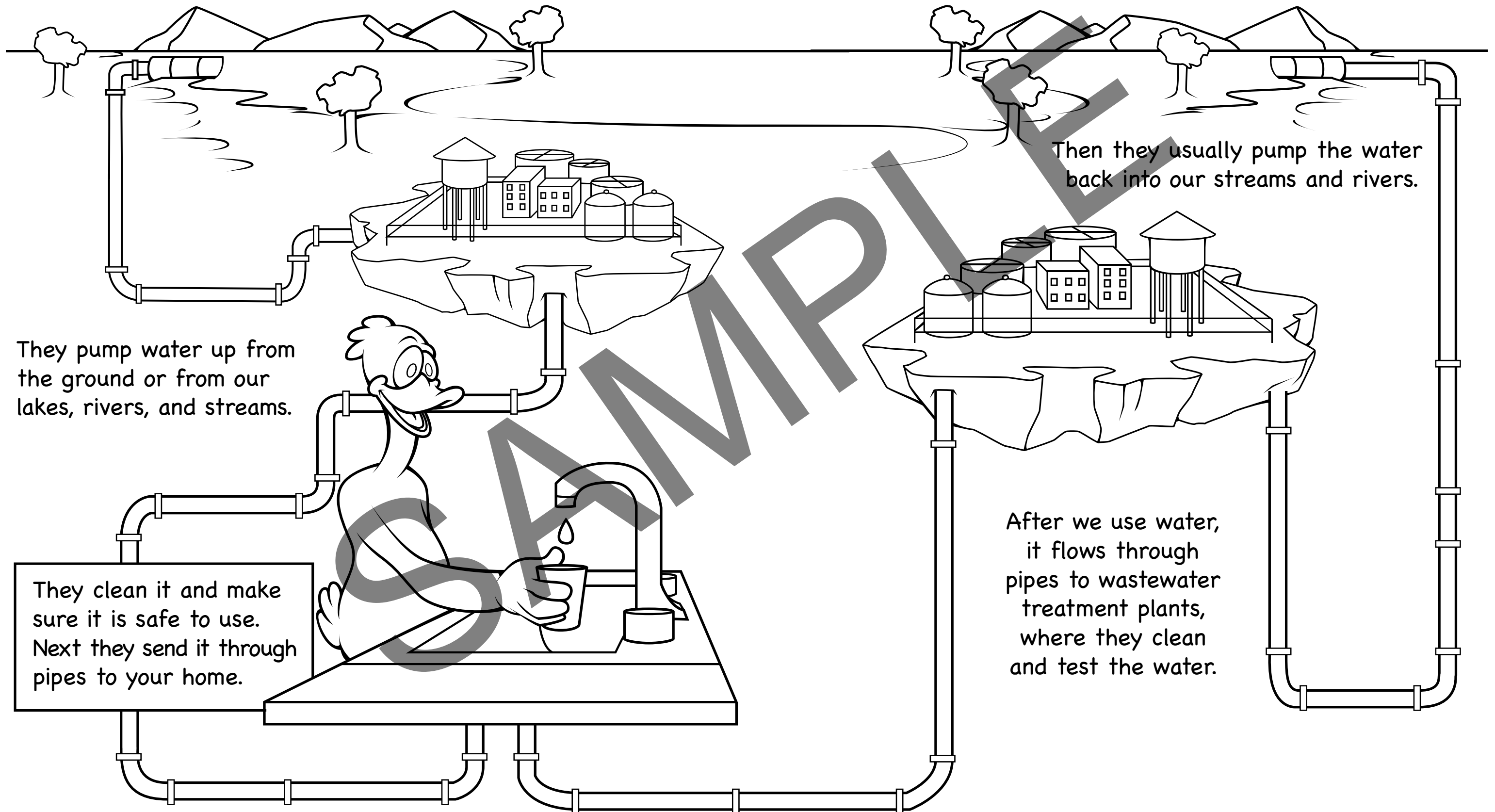


**TAKING
BATHS**

COOKING

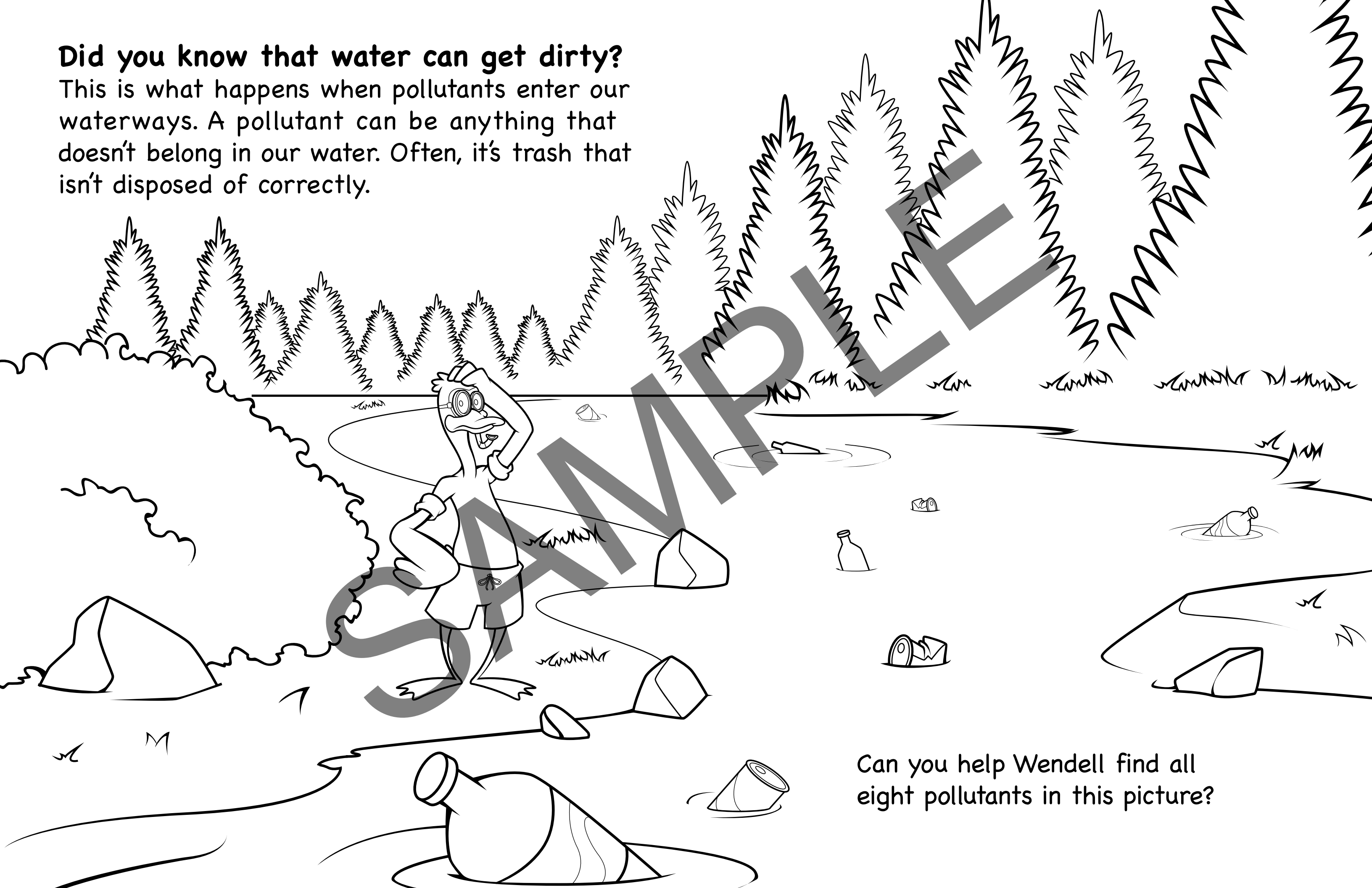


Your water utility makes sure that you have clean water to drink.



Did you know that water can get dirty?

This is what happens when pollutants enter our waterways. A pollutant can be anything that doesn't belong in our water. Often, it's trash that isn't disposed of correctly.



Can you help Wendell find all eight pollutants in this picture?

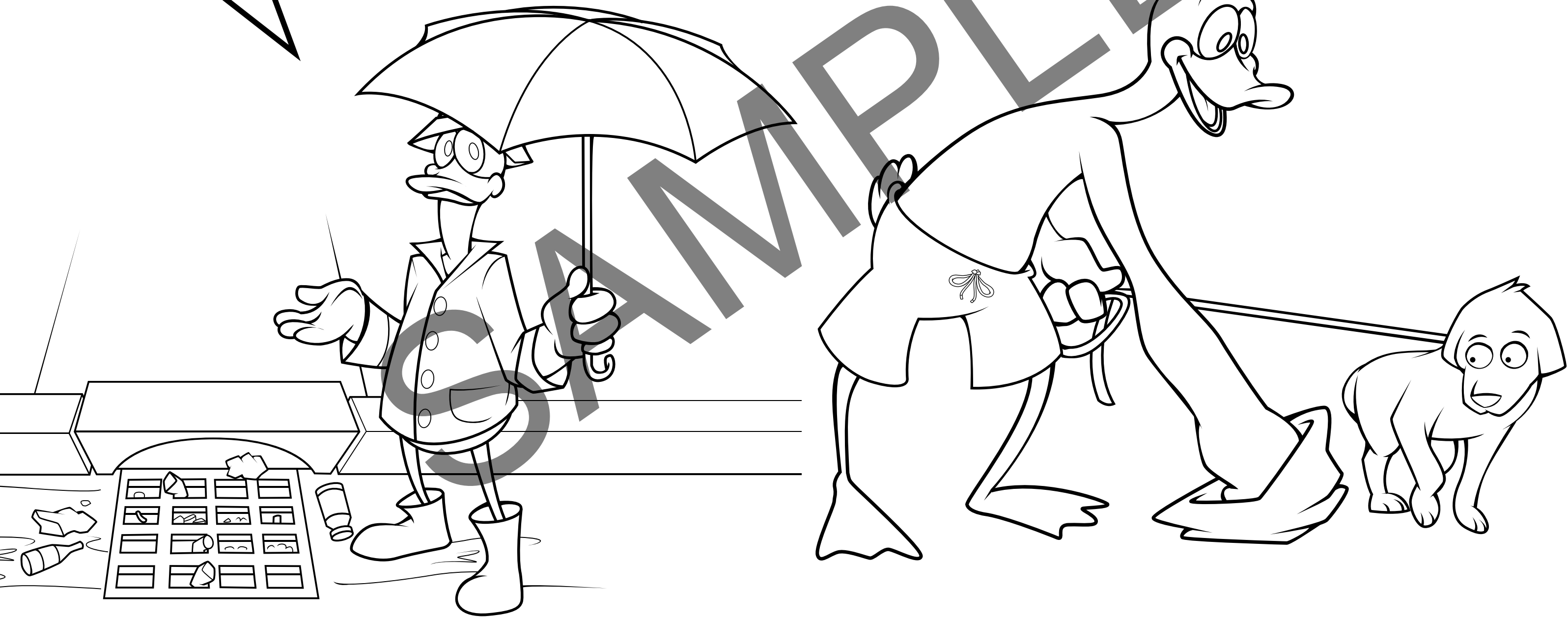
When water becomes polluted, it can be unsafe for drinking, bathing, swimming, and fishing.



Let's make sure that pollutants don't
enter our waterways!

Make sure not to throw trash
on the street because it can
wash into our waterways.

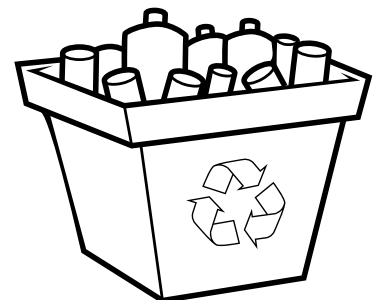
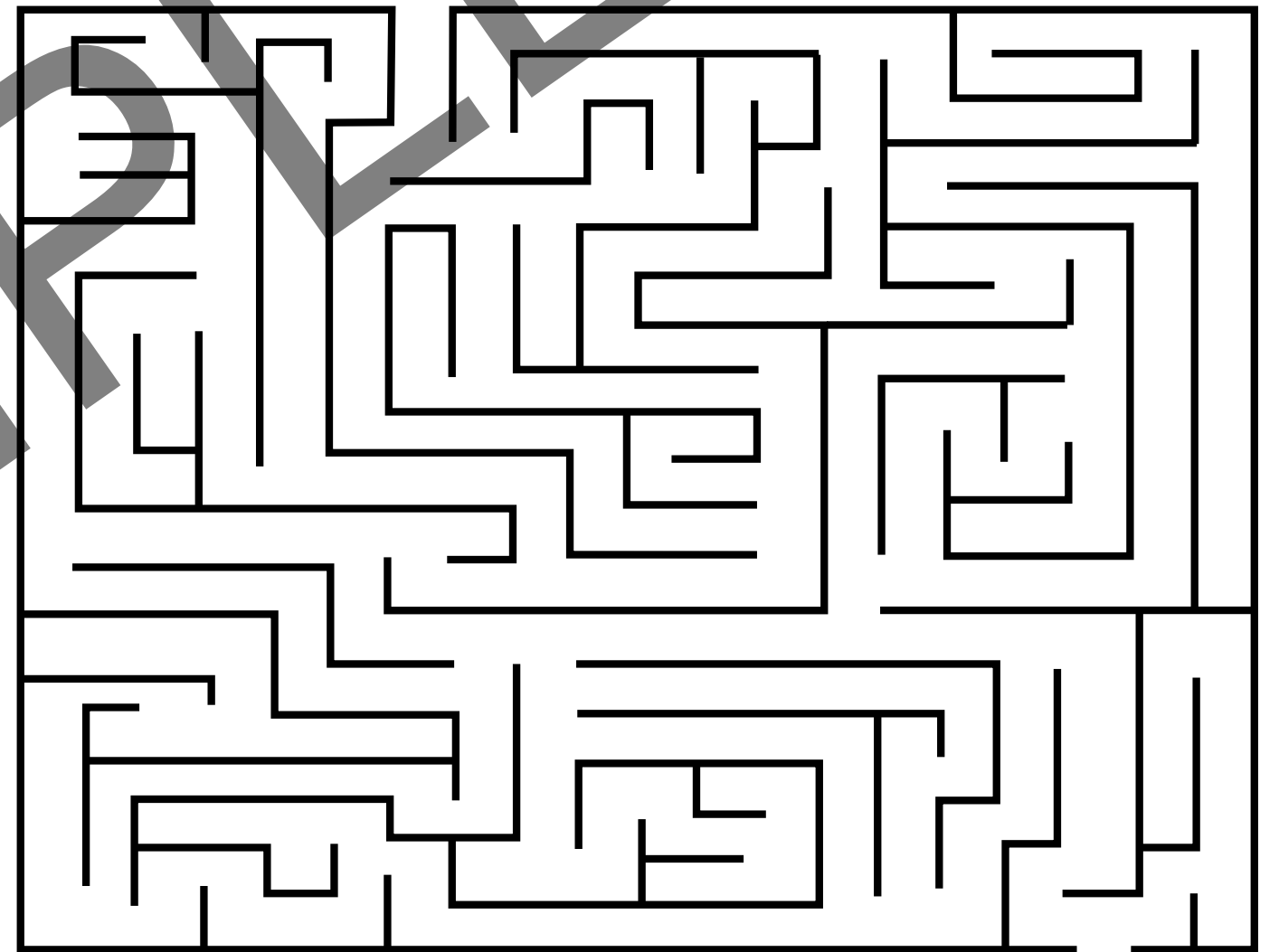
If you have pets, remember to clean up after
them. Bacteria from pet waste can wash into
our lakes, rivers, and streams.

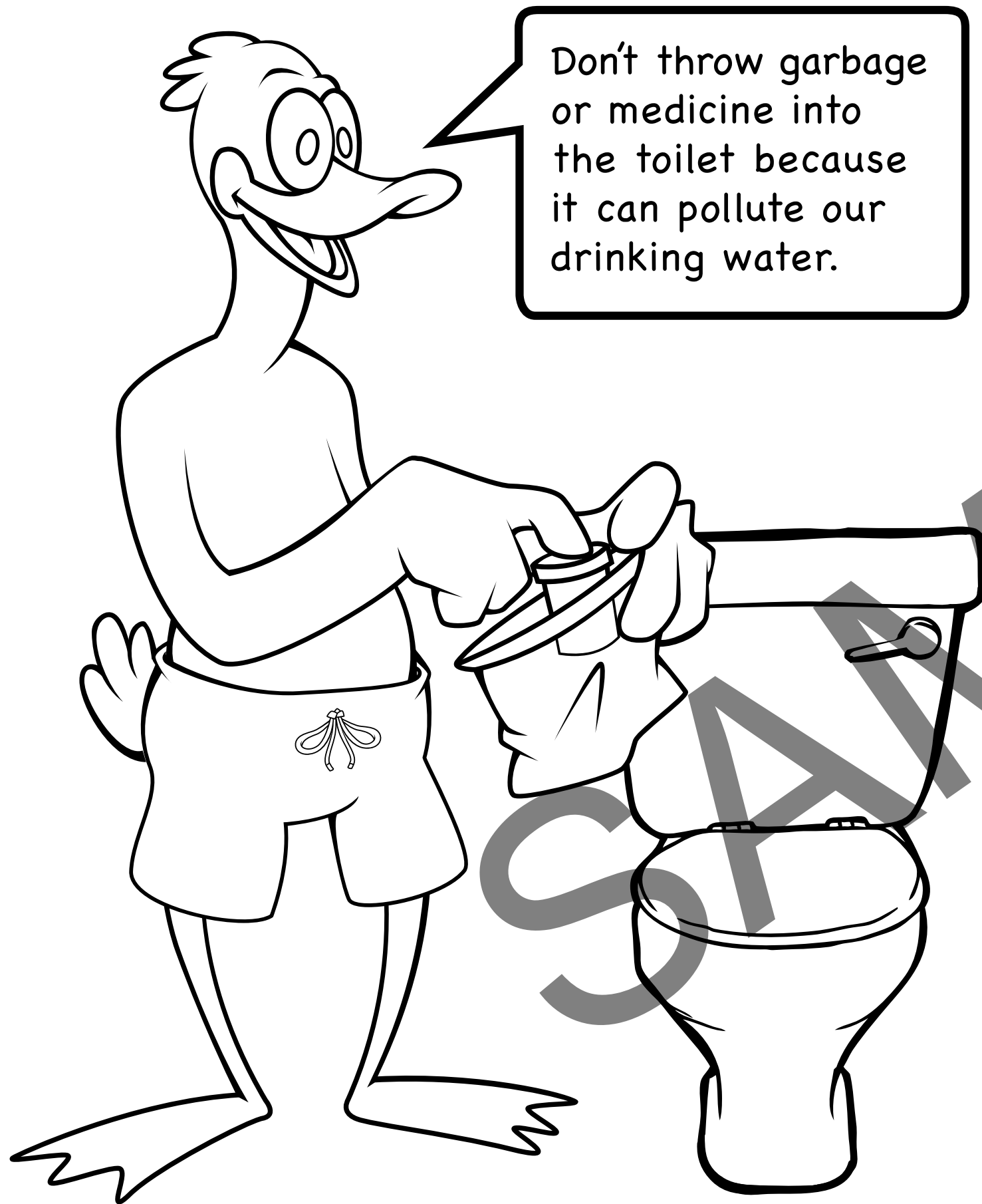


Remember to put
your trash and
recycling into the
correct bins.



Help Wendell find the recycling bin!



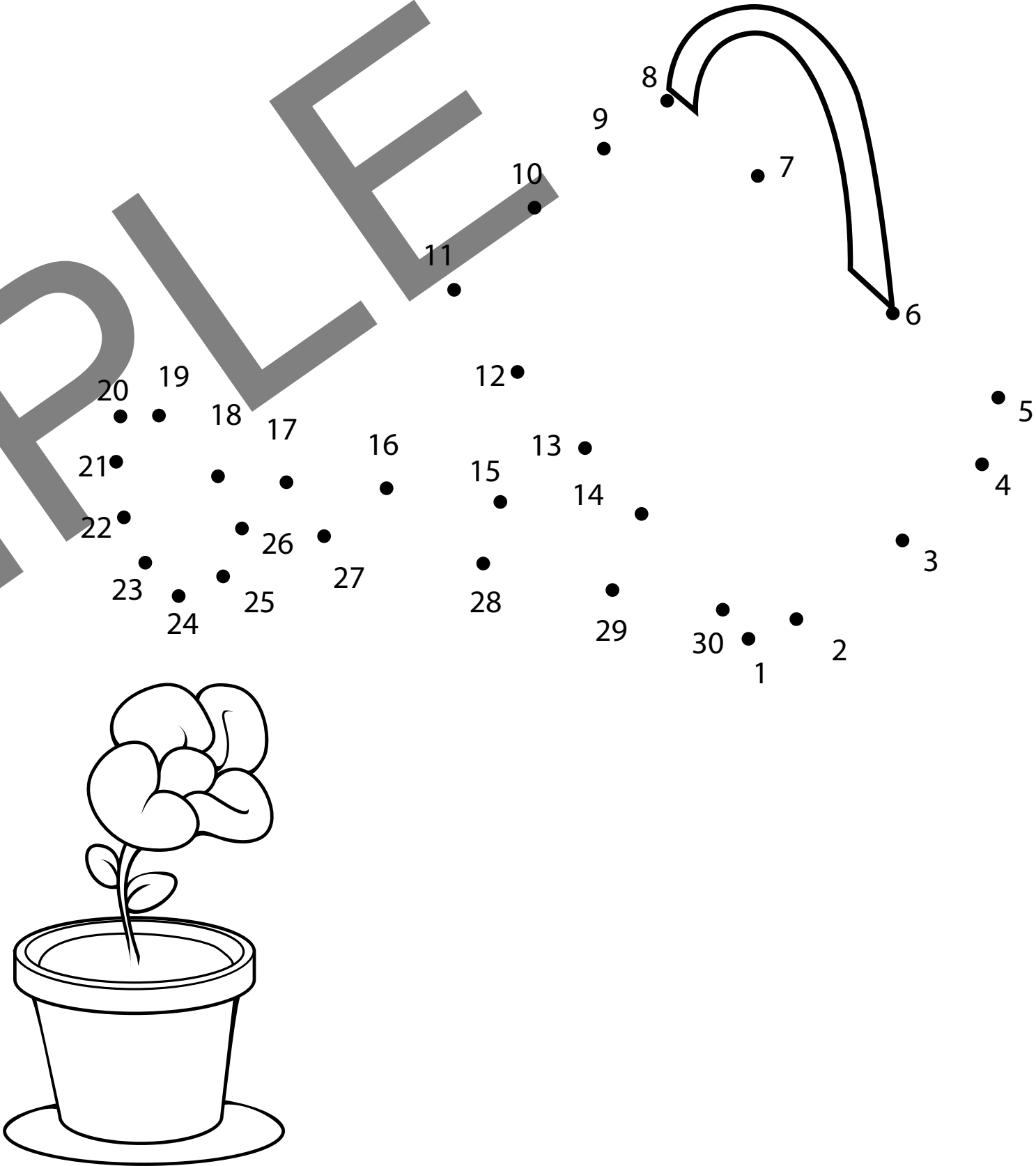
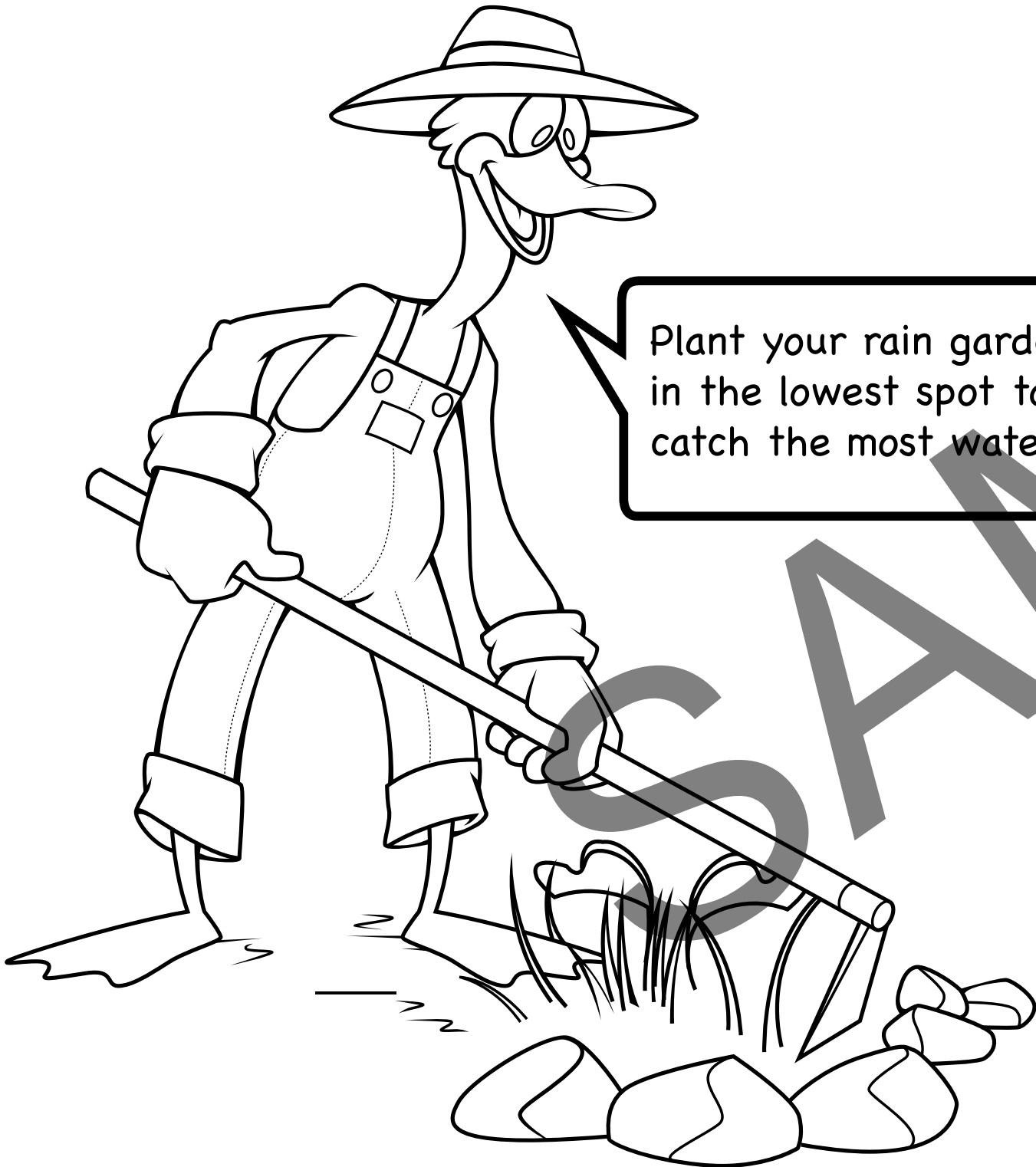


Instead, ask your parents about dropping off expired medicine at a pharmacy or sanitation department.



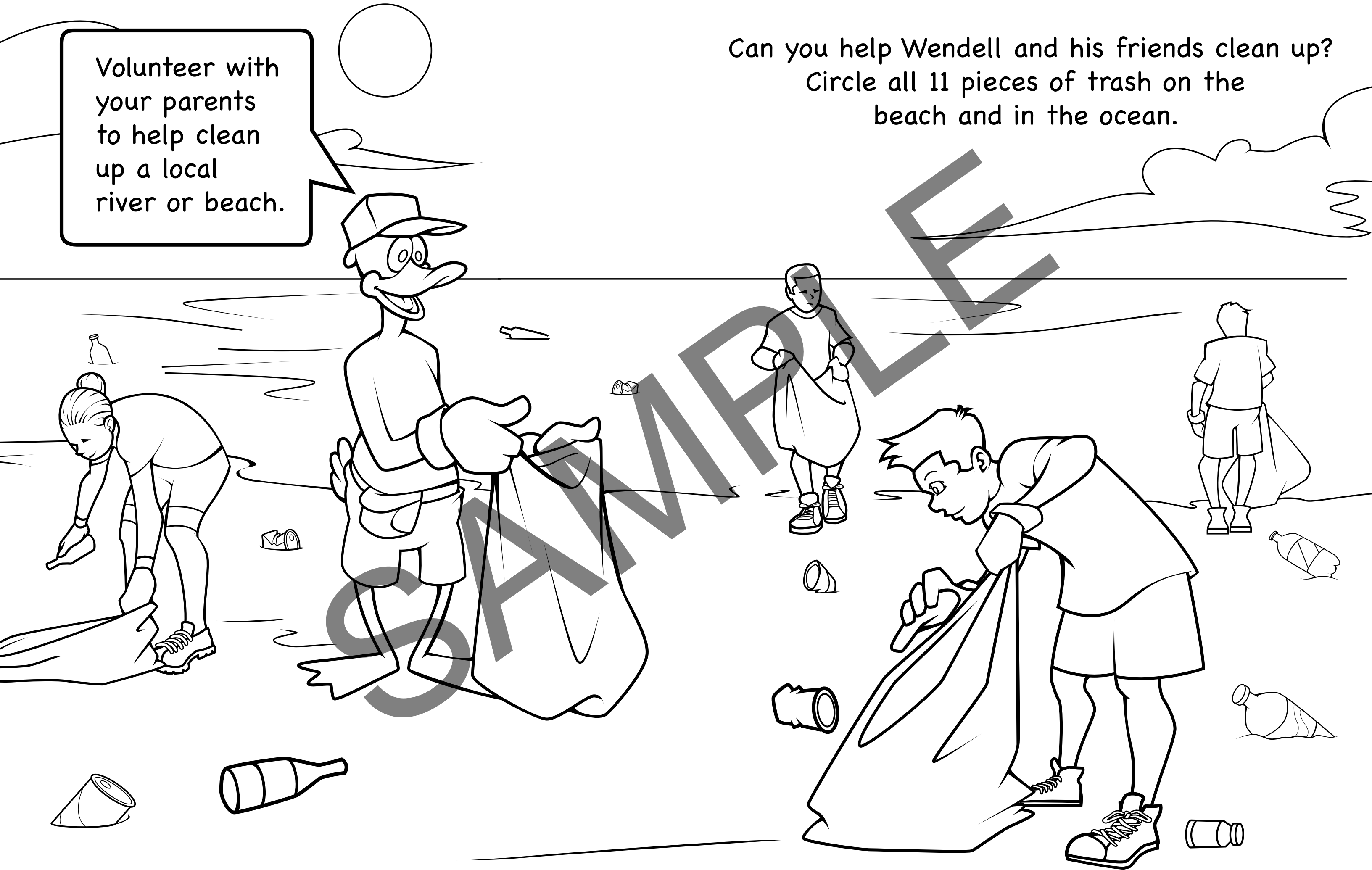
When it rains, water flows into our streets,
and it can pick up pollutants. Rain gardens
catch and clean the polluted water before it
gets into our waterways.


Can you connect the dots to help Wendell
water this flower?



Volunteer with
your parents
to help clean
up a local
river or beach.

Can you help Wendell and his friends clean up?
Circle all 11 pieces of trash on the
beach and in the ocean.





Do you know
what else clean
water means?
You can go
swimming in it!

Tips For Parents, Guardians, and Teachers

Here are some simple questions and answers to help you talk to your child about water quality.

What are some of the ways we use water around the home?

Answer: Brushing teeth, taking a bath, washing dishes, watering the lawn.

Why are water utilities important?

Answer: They make sure our water is clean and safe to use.

How does water get dirty?

Answer: Water gets dirty when pollutants, such as trash and chemicals, get into our waterways.

Why is polluted water bad?

Answer: When water is polluted, it can make us sick if we drink it. It can also harm the fish and plants in our waterways.

What are some ways we can keep our waterways clean?

- Throw trash only in the bin, never on the street.
- Pick up after pets.
- Make sure to recycle.
- Don't throw medicine down the toilet.
- Create a rain garden.
- Help out with an ocean or river clean-up day.



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