

Wendell the Duck's Guide to **WATER QUALITY**



Hi, kids,
I'm Wendell
the Duck!



I'm here to
teach you
about water
quality.

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We use water every day, for:

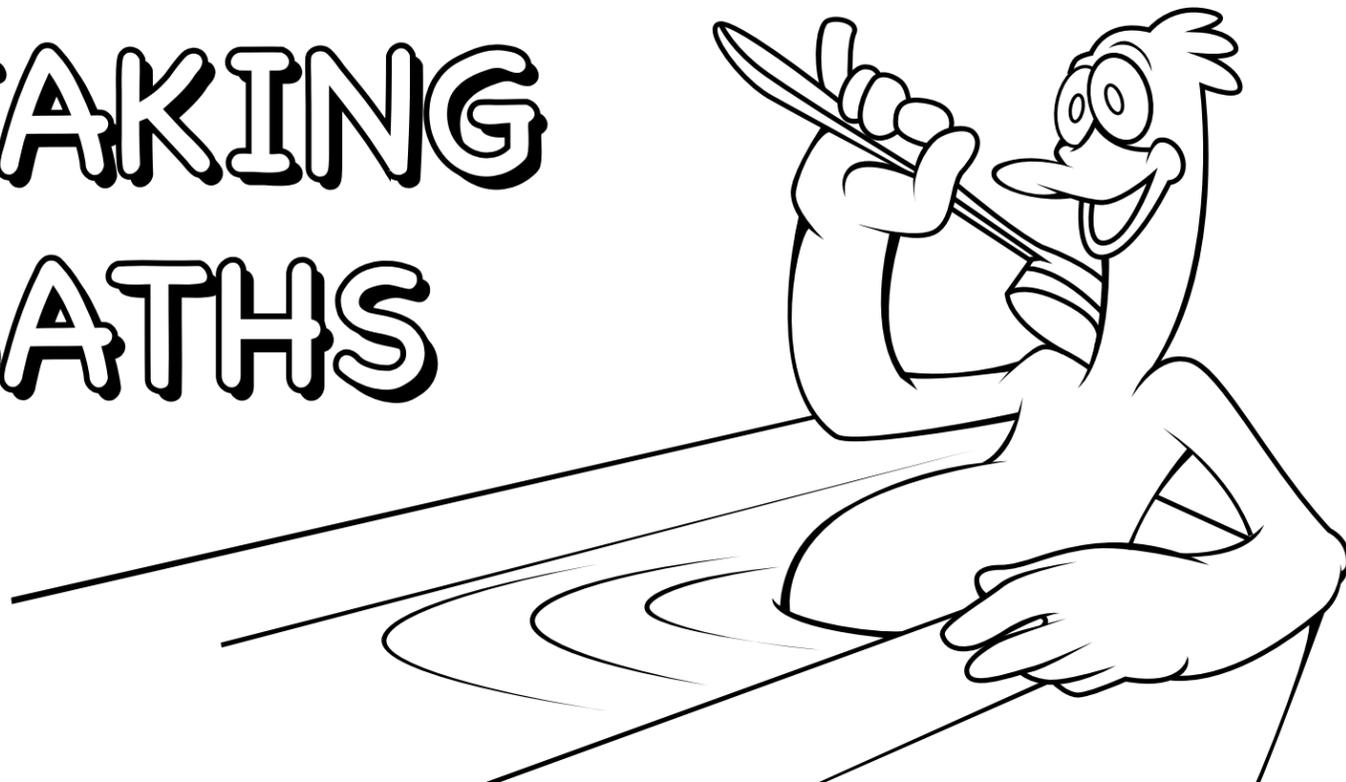
**BRUSHING
TEETH**



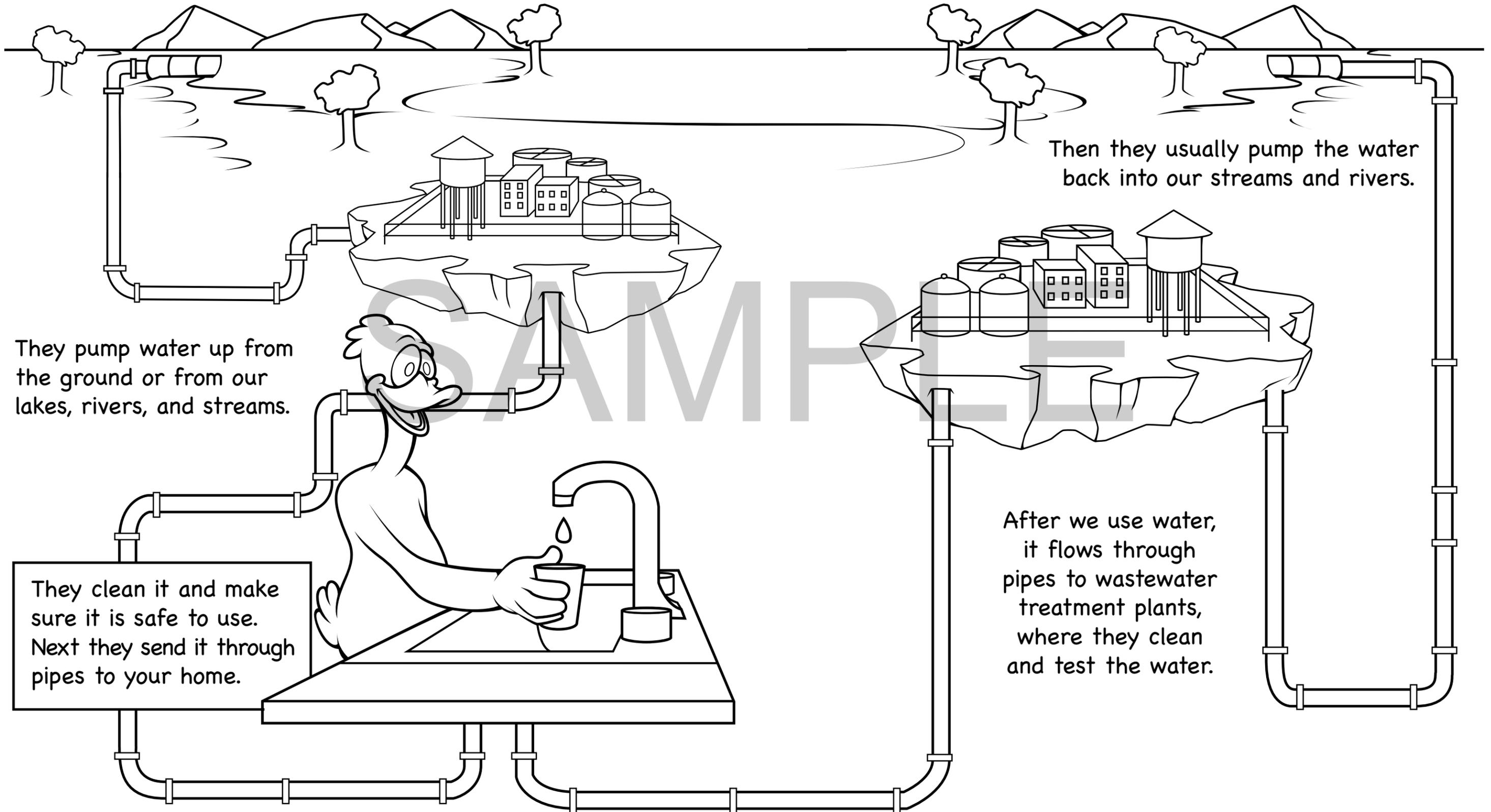
DRINKING

**TAKING
BATHS**

COOKING



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



They pump water up from the ground or from our lakes, rivers, and streams.

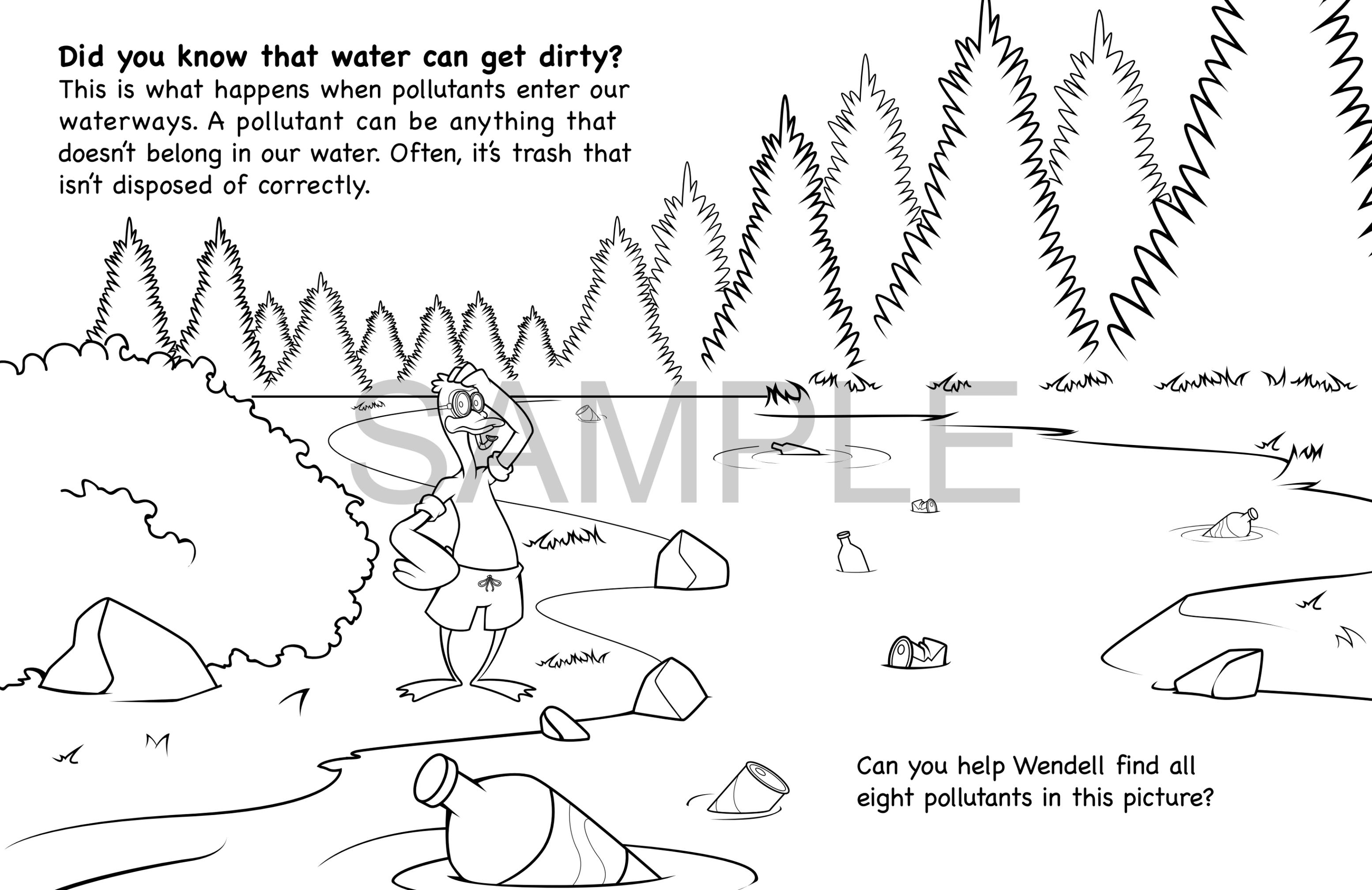
They clean it and make sure it is safe to use. Next they send it through pipes to your home.

Then they usually pump the water back into our streams and rivers.

After we use water, it flows through pipes to wastewater treatment plants, where they clean and test the water.

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!

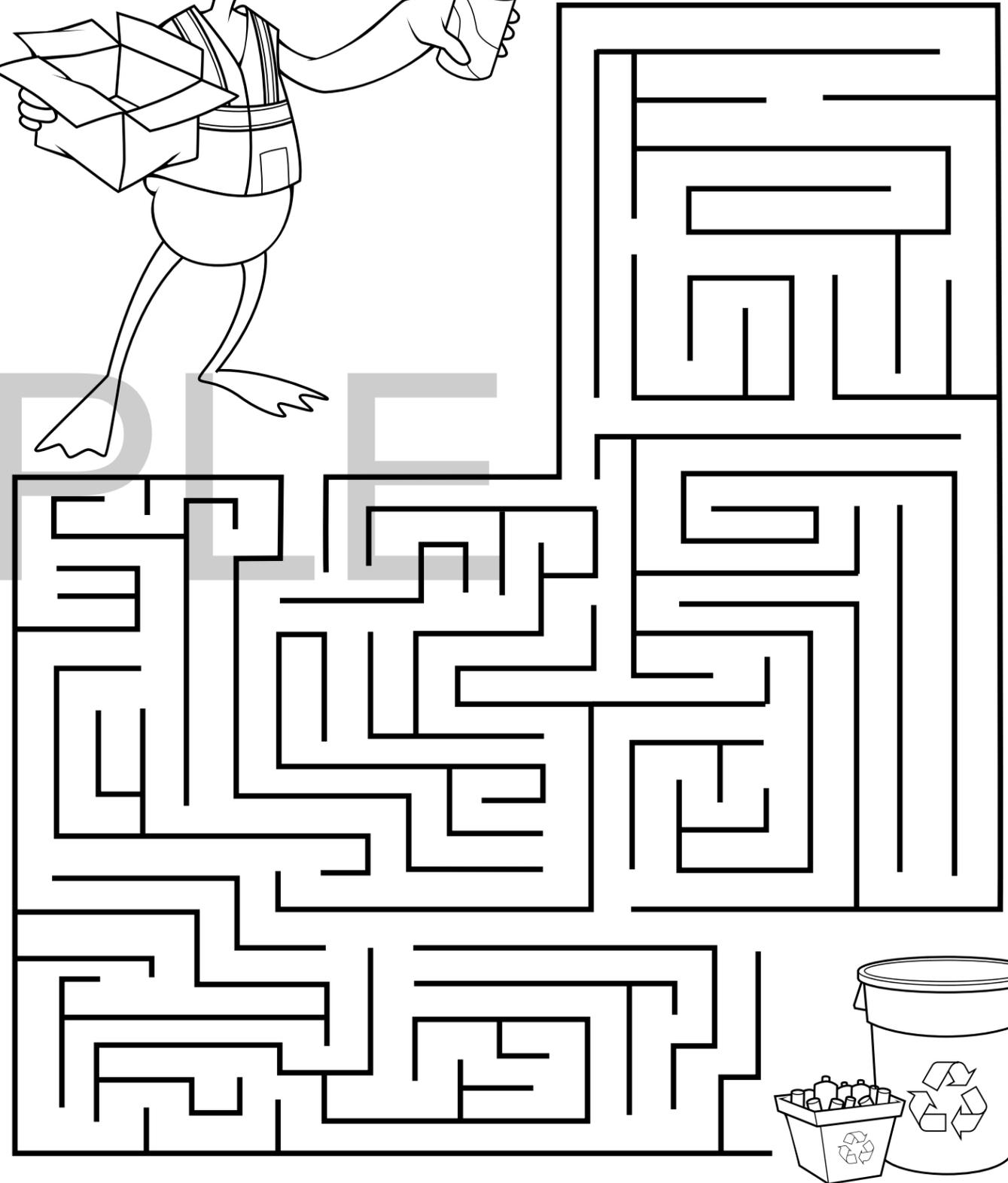
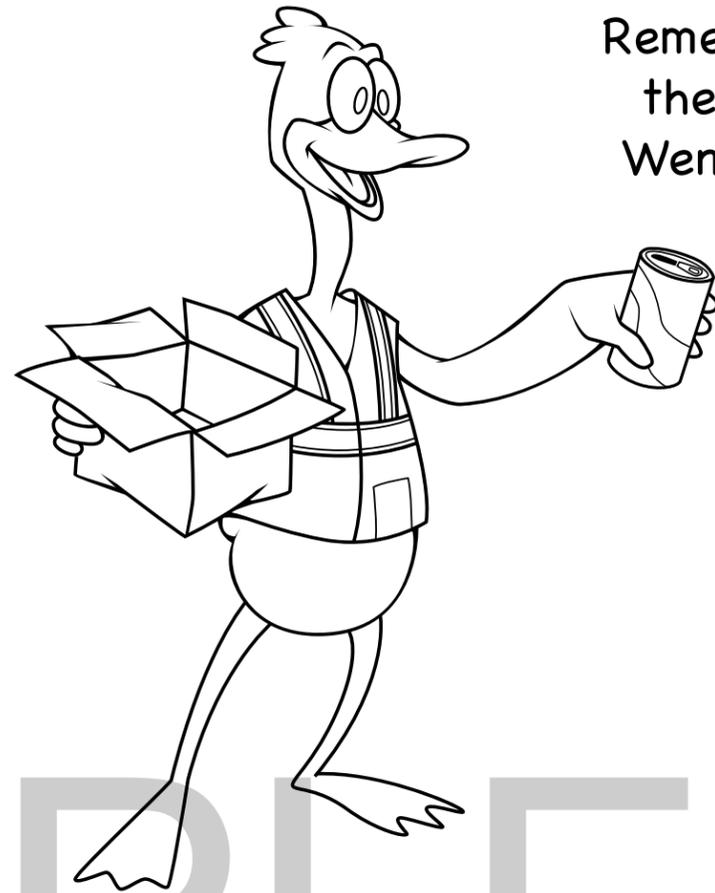
Make sure not to throw trash on the street because it can wash into our waterways.



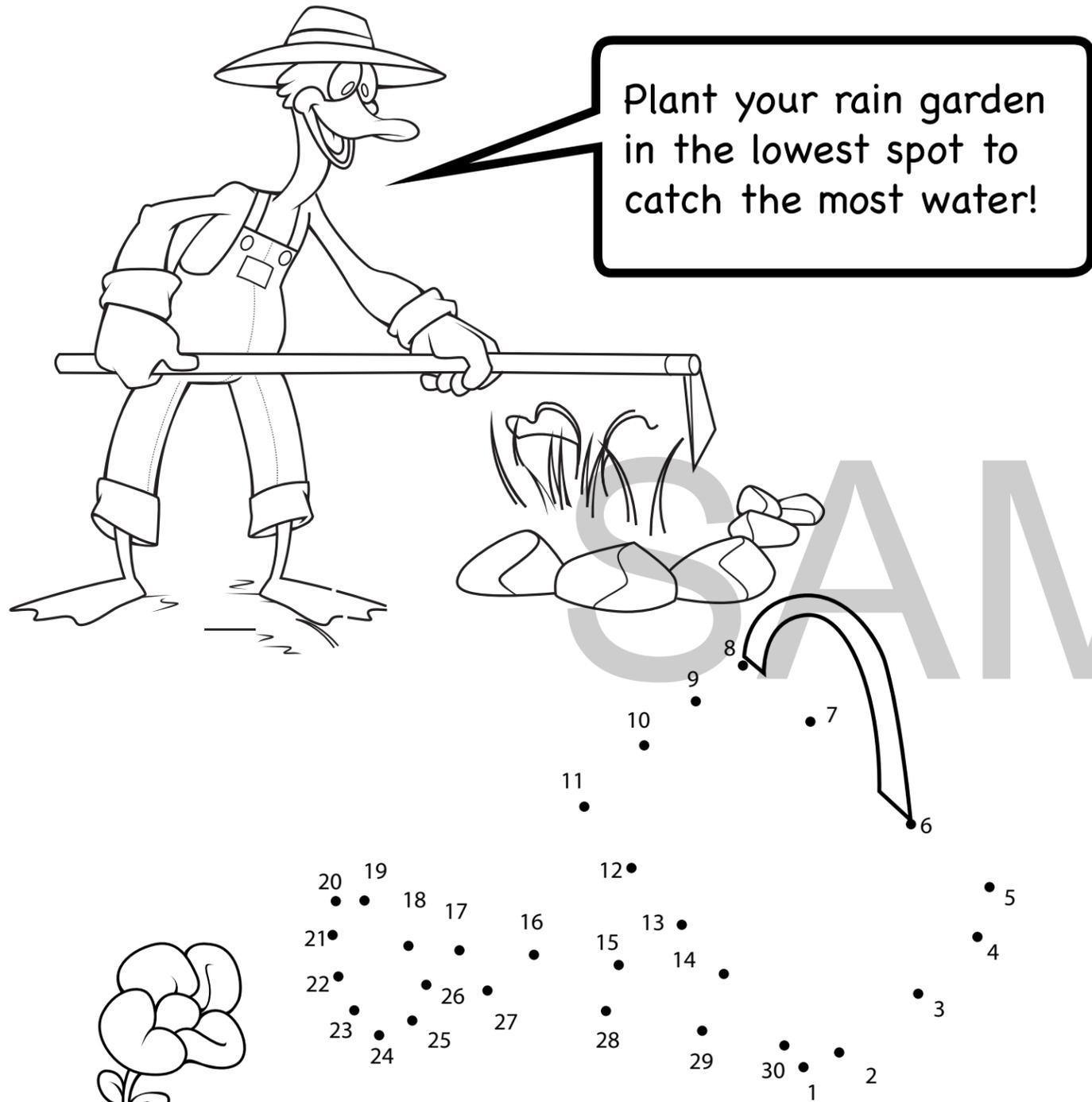
If you have pets, remember to clean up after them. Bacteria from pet waste can wash into our lakes, rivers, and streams.



Remember to put your trash into the correct bin. Can you Help Wendell get through this maze to the recycling?

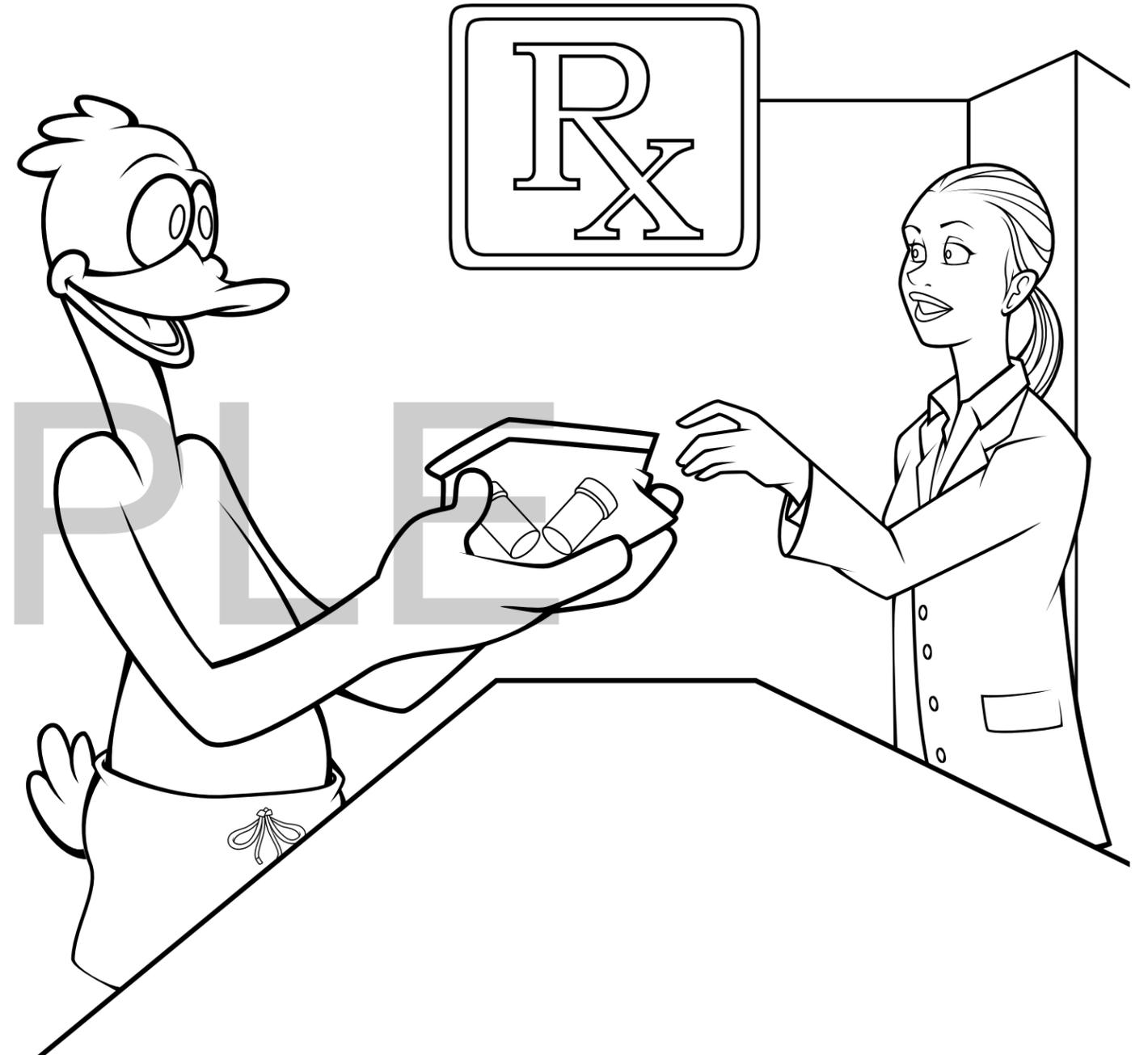


When it rains, water flows into our streets, and it can pick up pollutants. Rain gardens catch and clean the polluted water before it gets into our waterways.



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

Don't throw garbage or medicine into the toilet because it can pollute our drinking water.



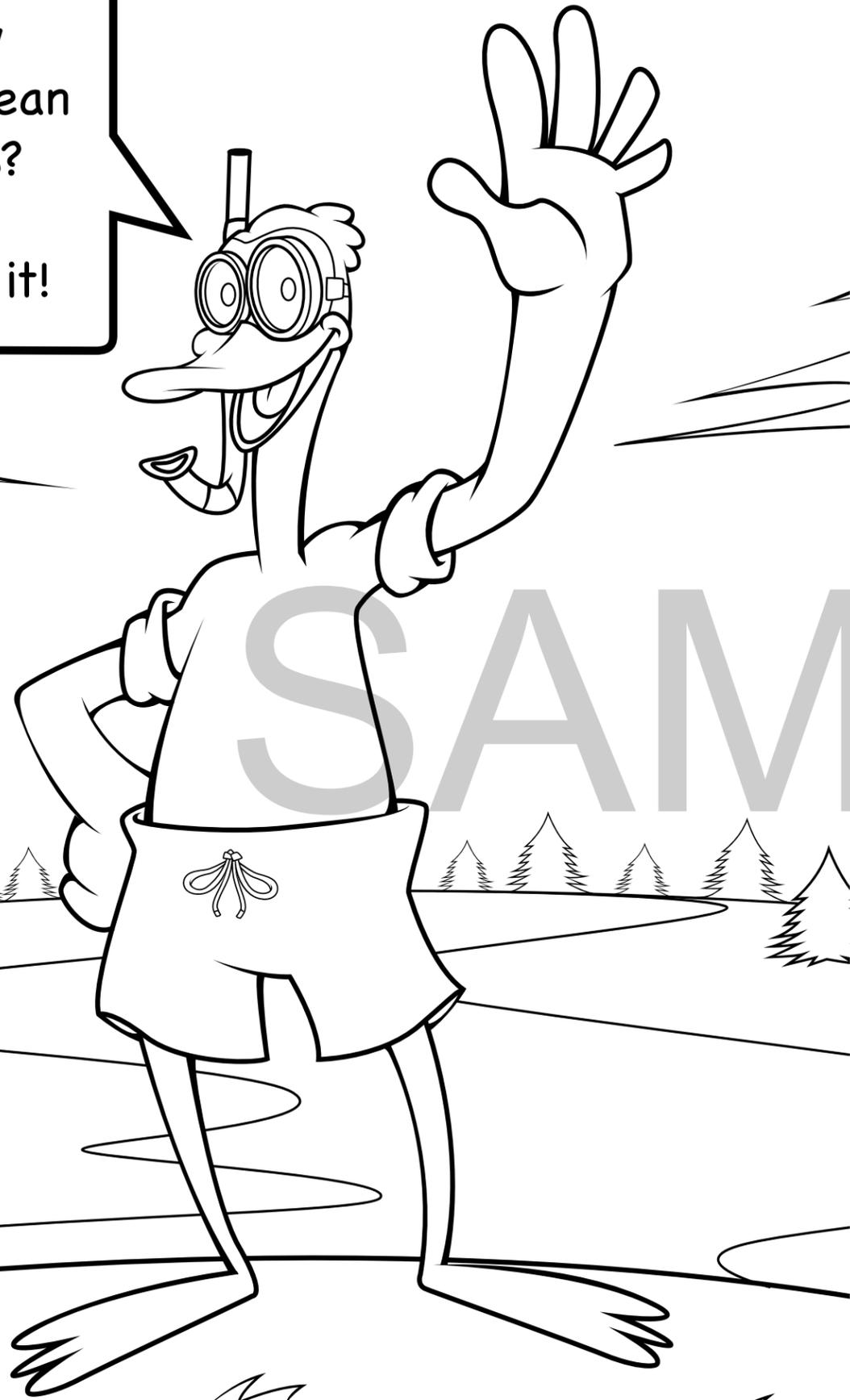
Instead, ask your parents about dropping off expired medicine at a pharmacy or sanitation department.

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!



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