CATCH A RIDE ON THE Water Cycle

Five Easy Ways for YOU to Take Care of Our Awesome H_20

WATER GOES ROUND AND ROUND... AND YOU CAN HELP TAKE CARE OF IT

After you flush the toilet or pull a plug on a drain, the dirty water goes to a special place for wastewater treatment or water recycling, where it is cleaned and put back into the environment. After it is cleaned up, it can be recycled in ways like watering plants and grass. Or it is put back into nearby lakes, rivers or other water and can be used again before making its way to the ocean. It can also evaporate and return as rain somewhere else in the world. Water is used over and over again, and it's important to keep it clean because living things, including people, animals, trees, flowers, and fish, need water to live.

While trained workers are cleaning our water all the time, there are lots of things kids can do for a greener, cleaner neighborhood. Here are a few ways you can help protect our awesome water.

Art by Jon Hanley.

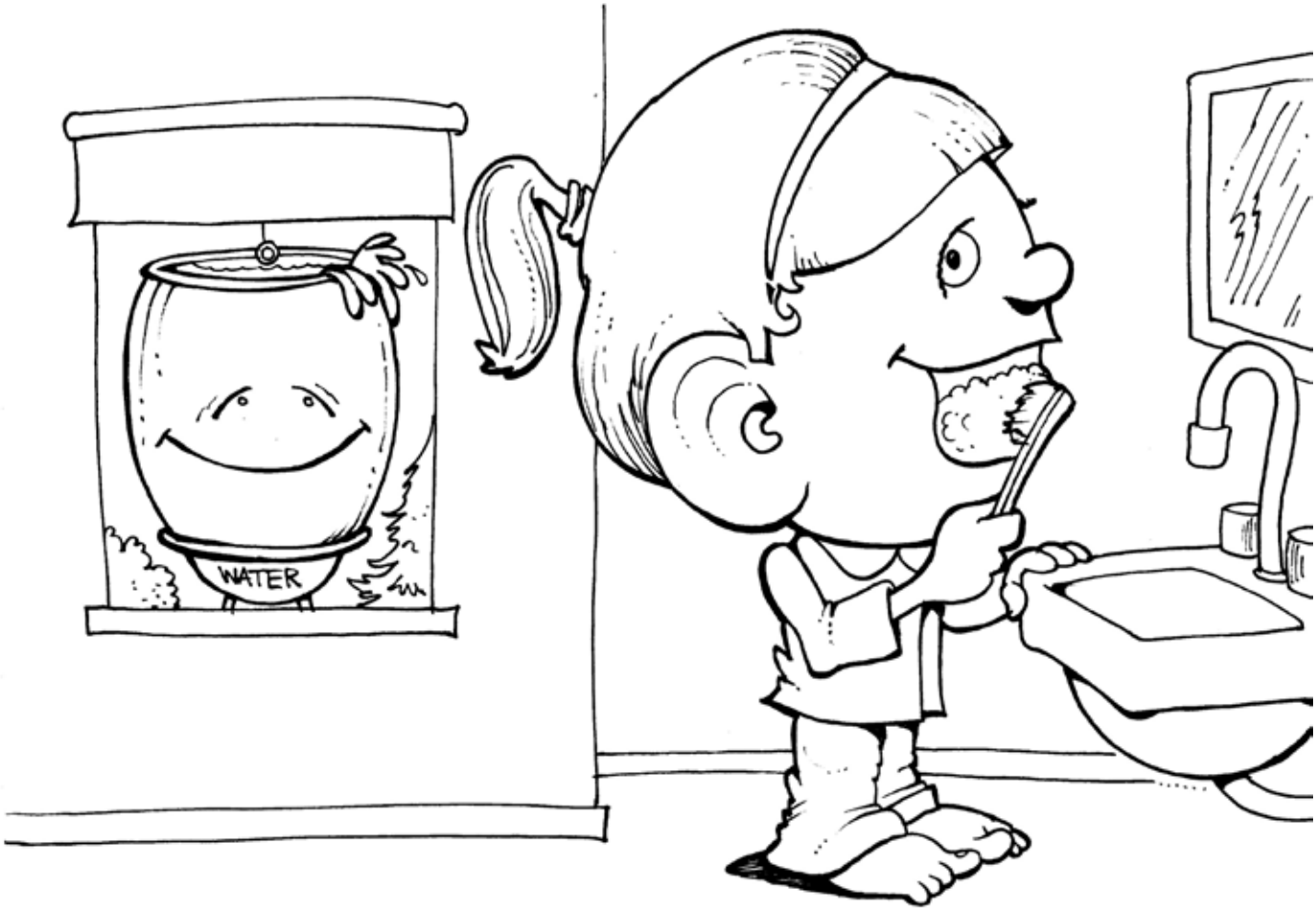
DO PICK UP THE POO

Pet waste hurts your watershed when it's washed into storm drains, streams, and other water. It's one kind of pollution that can be easily fixed.

SAVE WATER FOR LATER

Like all living things, gardens need water, but sometimes there's not enough. If you can save rain in a barrel, you'll have water when you need it.

DON'T WASTE WATER



The world only has so much water, and we should be careful so there's enough for everyone. If you are not using water, turn it off.

PUT THE RIGHT STUFF IN TOILETS

When the wrong thing is flushed, you can stop up the toilet or cause flooding. Anything made of metal, plastic or rubber, as well as wastepaper and other trash should be placed in a trash can. You know what belongs in the toilet! Everything else should be recycled, or thrown away as trash.

DO YOUR PART IN THE WATER CYCLE – DRINK WATER

While you are taking care of water, take care of yourself.
Your body is 65% water; drink lots of clean water to stay healthy.

HOW CAN I SAVE WATER?

DRAW A PICTURE OF YOURSELF SAVING WATER.

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