

Stormwater Terms Fill in the Blank & Matching

Now that you've located all the words in the word search, it's time to learn what they mean. (Hint: not all of the terms will be used in every word bank)

1. _____ is any precipitation that falls during a storm and flows over land or streets into creeks and rivers.
2. After it _____ (s), water that fell onto pavement travels to a (n) _____ along the curb that carries water directly to the creek.
3. The stormwater travels in pipes until it reaches a body of water. Where this water exits the pipe is called a(n) _____.
4. We have to make sure not to _____ and be careful about any _____ (s) we use on our lawns or streets. Otherwise stormwater will pick up these bad things and cause pollution in our creeks and rivers.

RAIN	LITTER	STORMWATER	OUTFALL
CHEMICAL	STORM DRAIN	CREEK	EROSION

5. Match the Following:

Watershed

a. Body of water, smaller than a river

Creek

b. When chemicals and other bad things get into the water and cause negative effects for aquatic life or people

Runoff

c. Excess water that flows on top of the land when the soil is too wet to absorb it

Water Pollution

d. Trash, like paper or cans, thrown or left on the ground

Litter

e. Area of land where all the water collects and flows into the same place

6. Draw an example of each pollutant or its source:

Oil (car)	Chemicals (fertilizer, factory)
Bacteria (dog poop)	Litter (trash)

8. _____ occurs when water or wind breaks down soil and carries it somewhere else.

9. Too much sediment (soil) in the water can harm _____ by destroying their habitat.

10. To figure out how unhealthy our streams are we must _____ the water. This can tell us how much bacteria or nutrients are in them.

11. By preventing stormwater pollution we can keep our waterways _____.

CLEAN	FISH	EROSION
RUNOFF	SAMPLE	POLLUTION

