

# Hey There, Watershed Warriors!

OUR WATERS ARE BECOMING MORE POLLUTED EACH DAY, PARTLY DUE TO STORMWATER RUNOFF. THIS CAN CAUSE HARM TO BOTH OUR ANIMAL AND HUMAN FRIENDS.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY LEARNING ABOUT THE WATERSHED YOU LIVE IN AND DOING WHAT YOU CAN TO PROTECT IT.



## SEARCH THE WORDS

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- POLLUTION
- LITTER
- FISH
- REUSABLE
- RECYCLING
- ENVIRONMENT
- RUNOFF
- WATERSHED
- STORMWATER
- STORM DRAIN

## THERE ARE 3 WATERSHEDS IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY.

Do you know which watershed you live in?

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## WHY IS STORMWATER RUNOFF BAD?

When it rains, it can carry toxic items—like pet waste and litter—into the storm drain which leads to the ocean.

A **storm drain** is a hole or a pipe that carries excess water when it rains or snows.

**Stormwater** is water that goes into the storm drain instead of soaking directly into the ground.

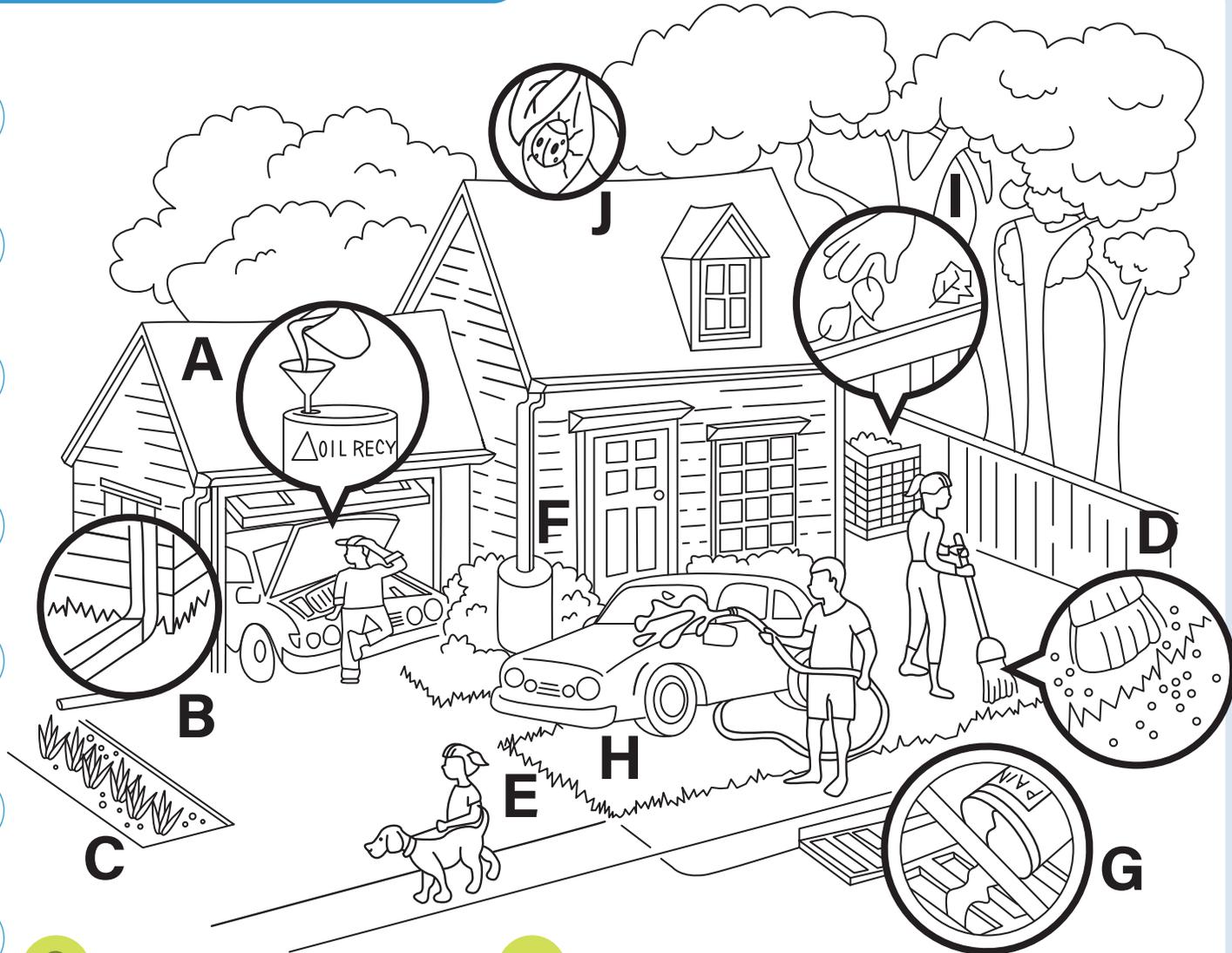
A **watershed** is an area of land that drains stormwater into the same body of water (examples: watershed, stream, river).



# How can we prevent polluted stormwater runoff?

Match the letter to the correct action below.

- 1 Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces onto the lawn or into a rain garden.
- 2 NEVER pour any kind of waste into storm drains. It goes straight into the ocean!
- 3 Plant California friendly plants on the bare spots in your yard to prevent erosion and minimize runoff.
- 4 Check car for leaks and recycle used motor oil. Never pour it on the ground or into storm drains.
- 5 Sweep off driveways, sidewalks, and roads so that leaves and litter don't get washed into storm drains.
- 6 Use a rain barrel to conserve water from your roof to water plants and wash your car.
- 7 Pick up after your pet. Don't let pet waste and bacteria wash into storm drains.
- 8 Minimize the use of pesticides. Natural options like ladybugs are safer and help keep pests out of your garden.



- 9 Compost yard waste like leaves, weeds, and grass clippings. Don't rake them to the curb or dump them in ditches or waterways.
- 10 Take your car to a car wash or wash it on the lawn so cleaners don't run off into storm drains.