

What in the Watershed?

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VENTURA COUNTY'S
COMMUNITY FOR A
CLEAN WATERSHED



Puddle	Storm Drain	Piece of Trash	Watershed
Native Plant	Rain Garden	Body of Water	Native Animal
Nature Trail	Ladybug	Pet Waste Station	Single-Use Plastic
Fish	Trash Can	Compost Bin	Rain Barrel

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Nature Trail	Single-Use Plastic	Stormwater	Puddle
Storm Drain	Trash Can	Watershed	Reusable Bag or Bottles
"No Dumping" or "No Littering" Sign	Native Animal	Rain Garden	Find a Fish

How to play: With a parent or teacher, pick a bingo card and find the items on the card during a walk or hike! Once you've gotten a bingo, take a photo and share with us on by Facebook or Instagram @CleanWatershed.

Storm Drain: Storm drains carry excess water from our streets to our creeks, streams, rivers, and eventually lead to the ocean. Water in the storm drains isn't cleaned before it goes to the creeks, streams and rivers, so trash and other items on the road can end up in our waterways if they're close to a storm drain! Find a storm drain near you.

Piece of Trash: Picking up trash is important for the watershed because it helps to keep the water clean. Trash travels into waterways when rain carries it from the land into rivers, lakes, and oceans through a process called stormwater runoff. If you see trash near you, pick it up and dispose of it properly.

Ladybug: Ladybugs are a beneficial bug for gardens! They eat aphids, which are small insects that damage plants.

Stormwater: Stormwater is rain that falls in our County and travels into the storm drain system. Stormwater collects trash and other pollutants as it travels, so you can help keep our waters clean by keeping our County clean!

Watershed: Watersheds are areas of land where water from rain and melting snow drains downhill into creeks, streams, and rivers. Do you know which watershed you live in?

Native Plant: Native plants are good for gardens and watersheds because they love the local weather and soil. This means they need less water, fertilizer, and pesticides to live happily. Can you find a native plant near you?

Fish: How clean the water in the watershed is directly impacts the fish that live there. If the water is polluted, the fish can get sick.

Rain Garden: A garden with native plants that dips into the ground is called a "rain garden" because it soaks up rain better than a normal garden. Can you find a rain garden in your neighborhood?

Puddle: Puddles play an important role in a watershed because they are where water first accumulates and begins to flow downhill. Can you find any puddles on your walk?

Body of Water: An area that stormwater runs into is called a "body of water" and can be a creek, river, or lake. Do you have any bodies of water nearby?

Pet Waste Station: A pet waste station is a great place to pick up a dog poop bag and dispose of dog poop, which can pollute our waters. Can you find a pet waste station near you?

Trash Can: Trash cans help to keep a watershed clean by preventing trash from entering the water. Take a picture of all the trash cans you see.

Native Animal: There are many types of animals that live in Ventura County like deer, rabbits, squirrels, and opossums. These animals rely on clean watersheds for healthy water, food, and air.

Nature Trail: Pack your snacks! Nature trails let people enjoy the natural beauty of Ventura County. If you're on a nature trail, pick up three (3) pieces of litter to keep it clean.

Single-Use Plastic: Single-use plastics are things like water bottles, fast food wrappers or cutlery that are only meant to be used one time. These items often end up as litter. Do you see any single-use plastic litter in your area? If so, can you safely pick it up and dispose of it? Remember to "Pack-In, Pack-out" your trash.

Compost Bin: Compost bins help to keep the water clean and free of pollutants. Composting also helps to create nutrient-rich soil, which is good for plants.

Reusable Bags or Bottles: Using reusable bags or bottles means fewer plastic bags and bottles that can end up as litter in our watersheds. Plastic is very bad for waterways and can hurt plants and animals that live there.

Rain Barrel: Rain barrels help protect our water because they reduce the amount of rain that runs off a building's roof and into the storm drain system. Look for one in someone's front yard!

"No Dumping" or "No Littering" Sign: Illegal dumping is bad for our environment and can be very costly to clean up. Let's keep our communities clean! Can you find a "Report Illegal Dumping" sign?



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Yours to Protect!**

For more information on ways to protect our watershed, visit www.cleanwatershed.org.