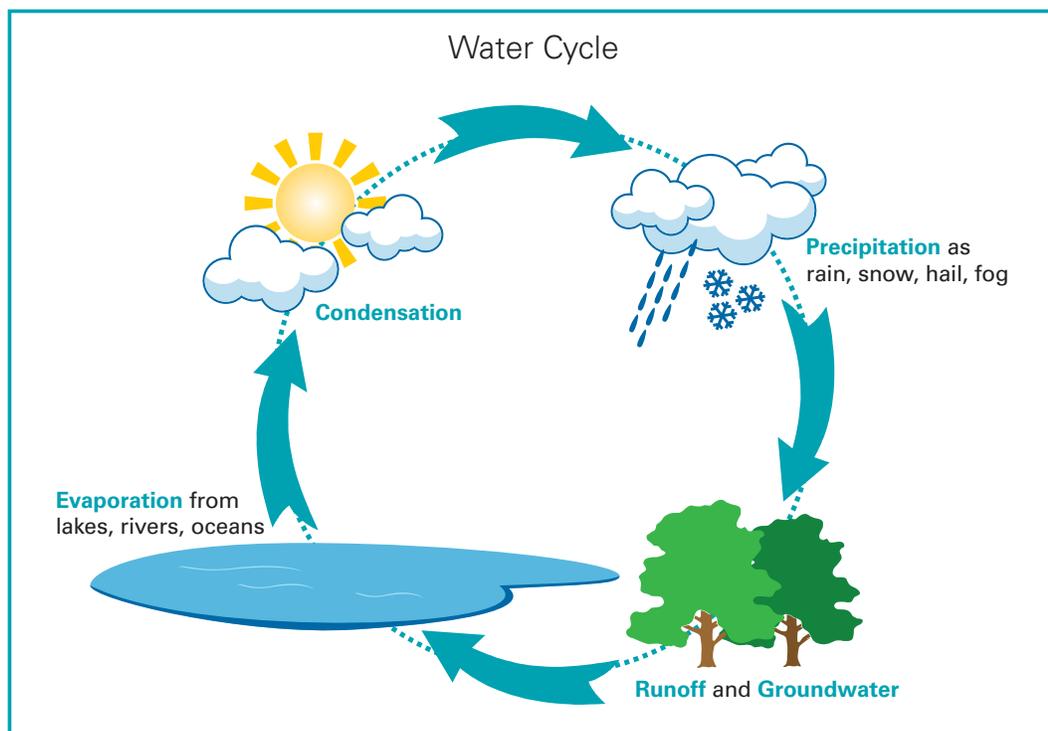


Take-Home Talk

Lesson 6: Keeping All of Our Waterways Clean

To Share:

- About 70 percent of the Earth is covered with water! Most of that water is in the oceans.
- But less than 1 percent of all of the water on Earth can be used by people. The rest is saltwater (the kind you find in the ocean) or is permanently frozen and we can't drink it, wash with it, or use it to water plants.
- As our population grows, more and more people are using up this limited resource. Therefore, it is important that we understand where our water comes from and how to use our water wisely and not waste it.



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To Do:

- **Rescuing Rainwater Runoff!** You learned that all of the trash that we see on the streets and in our neighborhoods can too easily end up in our lakes and our streams, hurting fish and plants and animals. You and your family can do your part to stop this pollution! As a family, walk around your neighborhood and pick up trash. Be sure to wear protective gloves and go with an adult.

Where did you find the most trash? What was the trash—food waste? Bottles? Cans? Paper?

- **Getting the Word Out!** How can you let others know that they shouldn't litter? Would a letter to your local newspaper be helpful? What about posting signs in your community? How can you spread the word?

To Take Back:

- What was the coolest thing that you learned from talking about this topic with your family and friends?
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