

What in the Watershed?

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Storm Drain Inlet	Trash Can	Watershed	Reusable Bag or Bottles
"No Dumping" or "No Littering" Sign	Native Animal	Rain Garden	Fish

How to play: Plan a walk or hike in Ventura County! On your walk, find (at least) four of the items on the card and take photos of your finding. Once you've found four items, share with us on Facebook or Instagram @CleanWatershed.

Storm Drain Inlet: A storm drain is a pipe that carries rainwater and other surface water from streets, parking lots, and sidewalks to a nearby waterway. Water in the storm drain isn't cleaned before it flows to a nearby waterway, so trash and other items that flow into the storm drain can end up polluting our water.

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 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 over open space and urban areas into creeks, streams, and rivers. Find out how watersheds work by watching our video here.



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Native Plant: Native plants are beneficial for gardens and watersheds because they are adapted to the local climate and soil conditions. This means they require less water, fertilizer, and pesticides to thrive. Identify three (3) native plants in your neighborhood.

Fish: Fish are impacted by the health of their watershed in several ways. The quality of the water in the watershed directly impacts the fish that live there. If the water is polluted, the fish will be as well.

Rain Garden: A rain garden is a depression in the ground with deep-rooted native plants, designed to absorb rainwater that would otherwise run off impermeable surfaces (roofs and driveways). Rain gardens improve water quality by filtering pollutants. They also reduce flooding, erosion, and provide habitats for beneficial insects and wildlife. Find a rain garden in your neighborhood.

Berm: A river berm is a raised ridge of earth or sand built along the edge of a river. To protect watersheds and prevent litter from accumulating on river berms, remember to pick up any litter you see along rivers or creeks!

Body of Water: An area that stormwater runs into is called a "body of water" and can be a creek, river, or lake. What is your nearest body of water?

Pet Waste Station: A pet waste station is a great place to pick up a dog poop bag and dispose of dog poop. Pick up your pet's waste with a dog poop bag, and then throw it away in a nearby trash can. Can you find a pet waste station near you?

Trash Can: Trash cans help to keep a watershed clean by preventing litter and other debris from entering the water. If you see litter or debris in the street, pick it up and dispose of it properly.

Native Ventura County Animal: There are many types of animals that live in Ventura County. Some of the most common are deer, rabbits, squirrels, and opossums. These animals rely on clean watersheds for drinking water, healthy air, and plant growth.

Nature Trail: Hit the trails! Nature trails are good for the watershed because they allow people to enjoy the natural beauty of the area while also providing a way to help conserve the environment. 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. Find and dispose of any single-use plastic litter in your area.

Compost Bin: Compost is great for the watershed because it helps to keep the water clean and free of pollutants. When compost is added to the soil, it helps to absorb and filter out pollutants that could otherwise end up in the water. Use compost instead of fertilizers to protect your plants' longevity and our water quality.

Reusable Bags or Bottles: When you use a reusable bag or bottle, you are helping to reduce the amount of plastic that ends up in the watershed. Plastic is a major pollutant of waterways and can cause serious harm to the plants and animals that live there. What types of reusable containers do you typically use?

Rain Barrel: Rain barrels are good for the watershed because they help to keep stormwater runoff from flowing into waterways. This helps reduce the amount of pollution that makes it into our waterways. Take a photo of a rain barrel near you.

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



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Yours to Protect!**

For more information on ways to prevent stormwater pollution and protect our watershed, visit www.cleanwatershed.org.