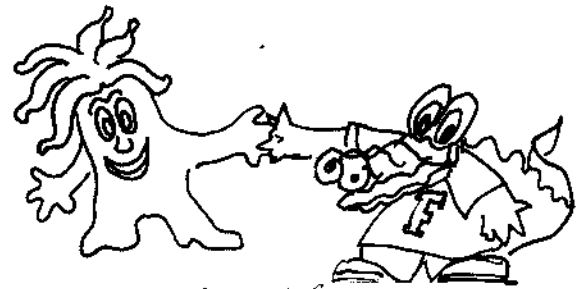


South Florida's Water Wonderland



with Carl Polyp and Freddy the Alligator



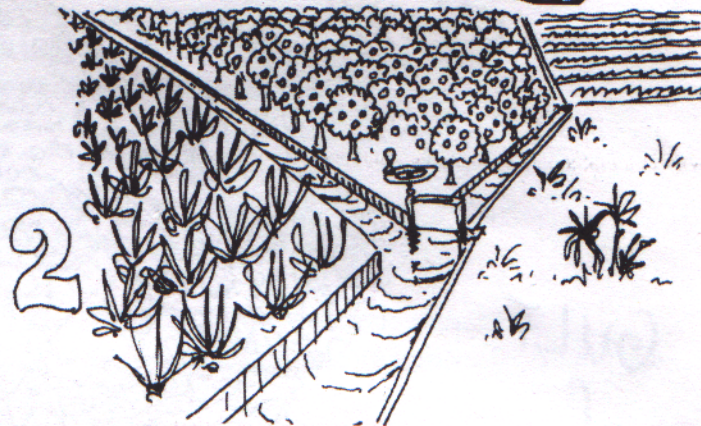


Hey Freddy, How can
we improve water quality
and save our coral reef?

I know Carl! We must
clean up South Florida's
Water Wonderland!



We must clean all water
going into and coming out
of creeks and rivers.



We must clean water
going into & out of man
made ditches & canals.



We must clean water going
into & out of wetlands.

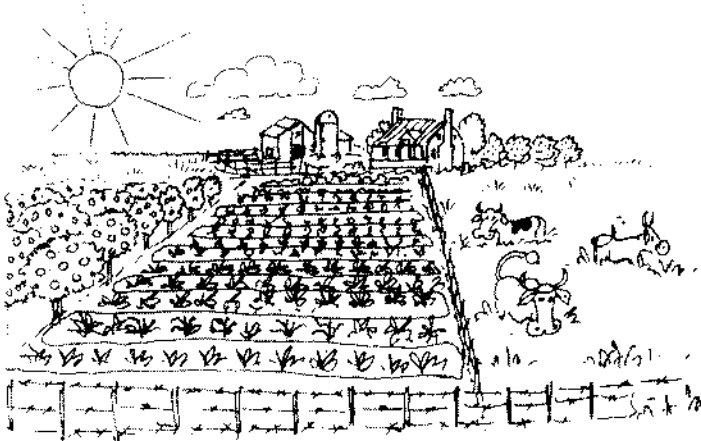
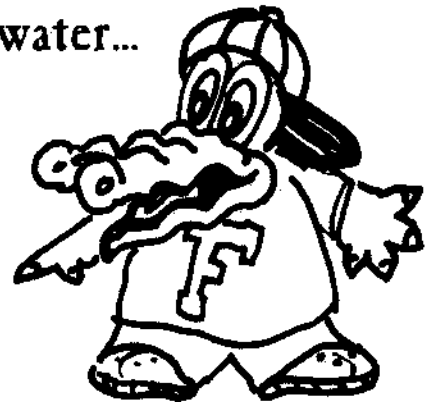


We must clean water going into
aquifers (underground sources).



How do we improve water quality, Freddy?

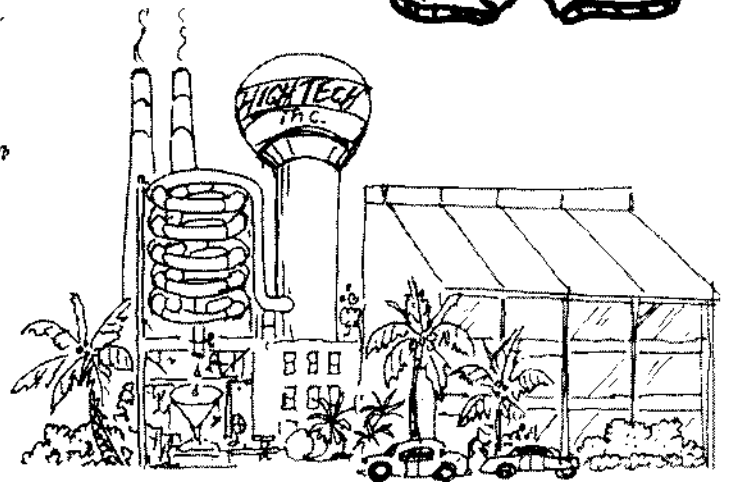
We must combine man made technologies with nature's ability to clean water...



First, we can reduce & clean up the dirty water coming from our farms.



Also, we need to stop stormwater runoff. Fertilizers and pesticides from gardens, oils and gas coming from cars and other sources mix with rainwater that enters near-shore waters and then goes out to the coral reef.



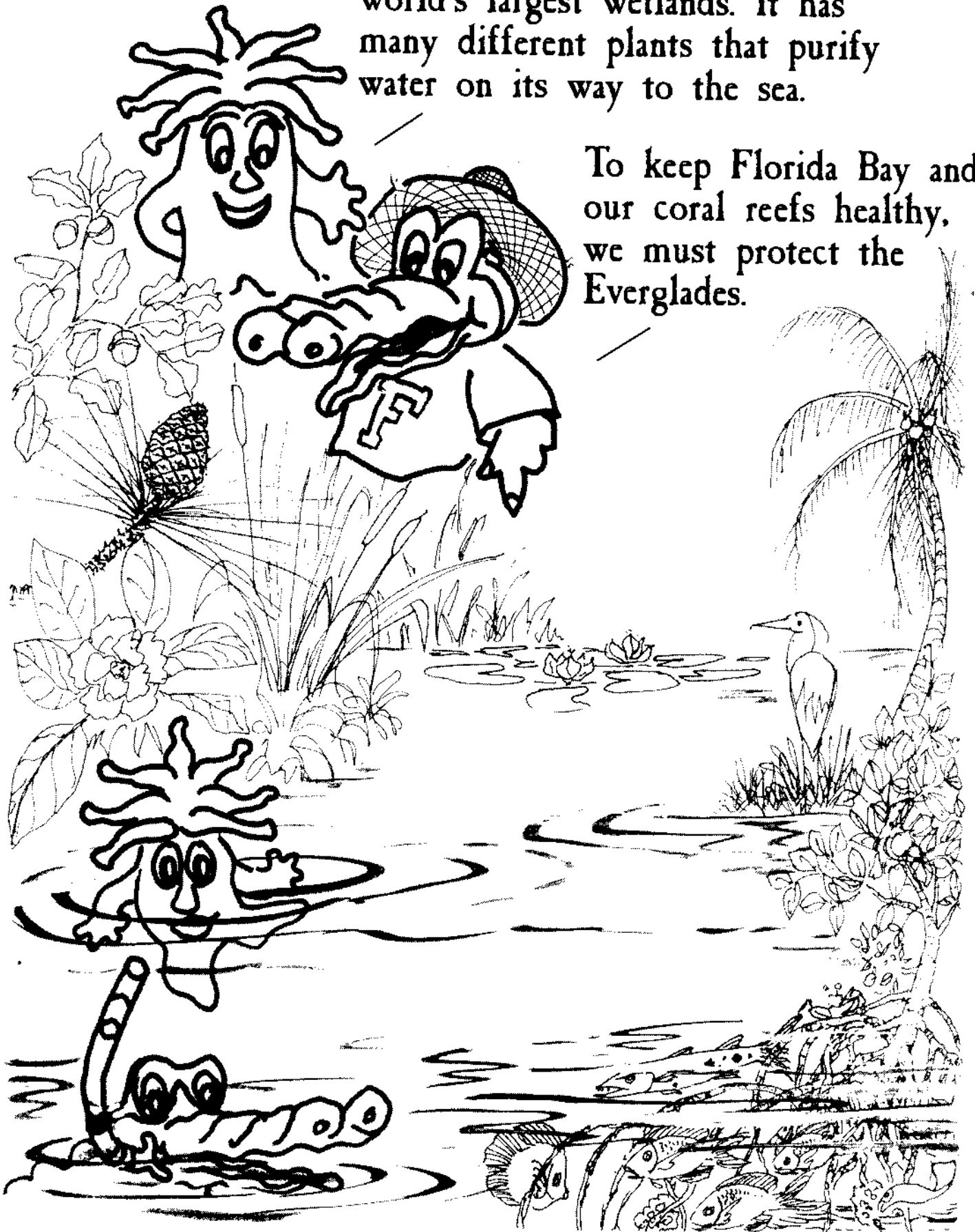
Then, make sewage systems in the Florida Keys the best ever.

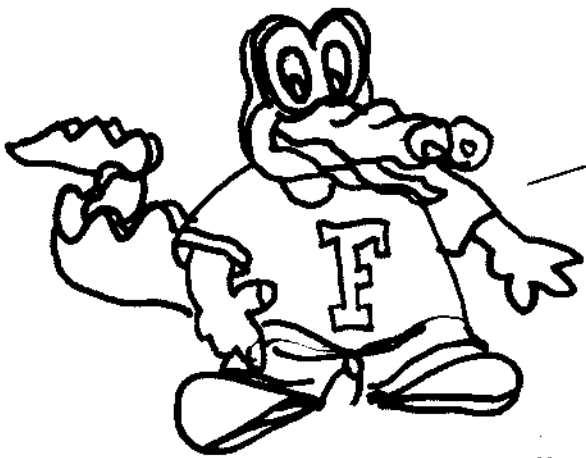


Finally, we should use plants to make water cleaner. Especially native ones, since they use less water.

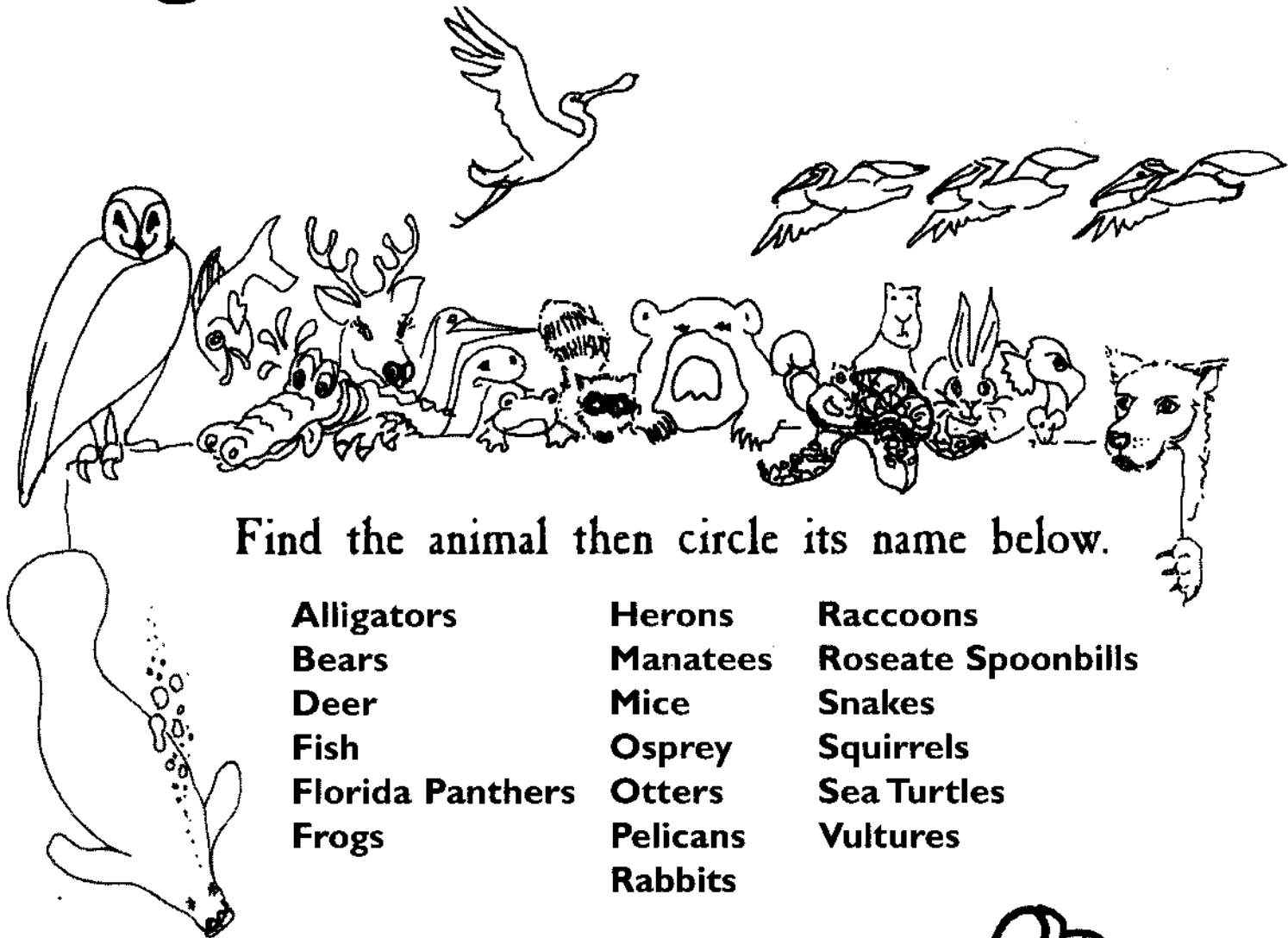
The Everglades is one of the world's largest wetlands. It has many different plants that purify water on its way to the sea.

To keep Florida Bay and our coral reefs healthy, we must protect the Everglades.





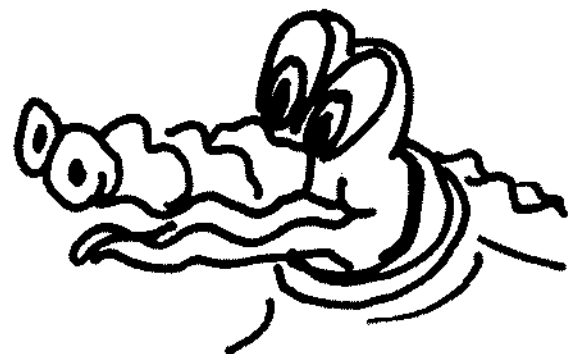
Like all wetlands, the Everglades also provides space for a wide variety of plants, birds, and other living things! Here are some of the critters that live in South Florida...can you identify them?



Find the animal then circle its name below.

| | | |
|------------------|----------|--------------------|
| Alligators | Herons | Raccoons |
| Bears | Manatees | Roseate Spoonbills |
| Deer | Mice | Snakes |
| Fish | Osprey | Squirrels |
| Florida Panthers | Otters | Sea Turtles |
| Frogs | Pelicans | Vultures |
| | Rabbits | |

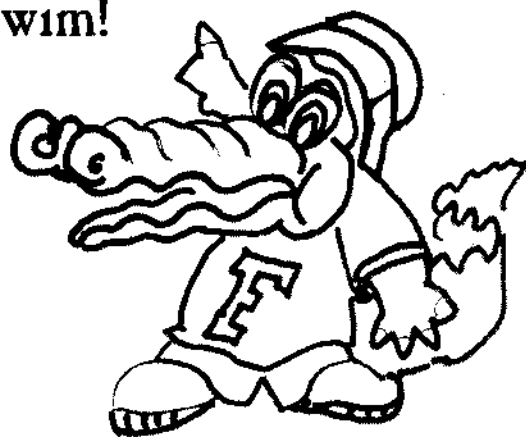
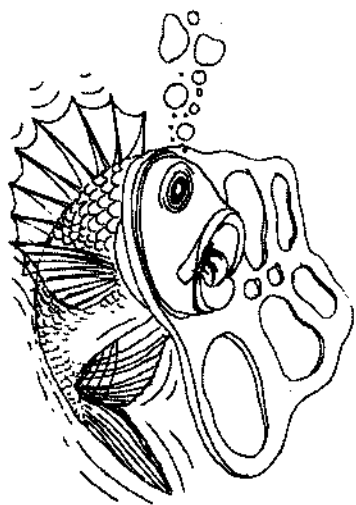
Animals need clean water, too!



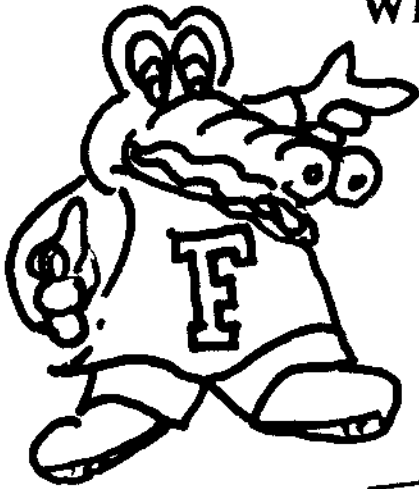
To keep our waters clean, boaters
MUST use pump-out stations to
empty their heads (toilets).



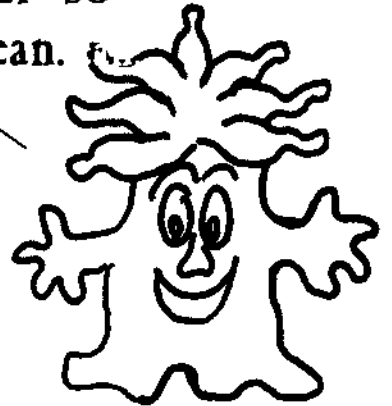
And remember...don't teach
your trash to swim!



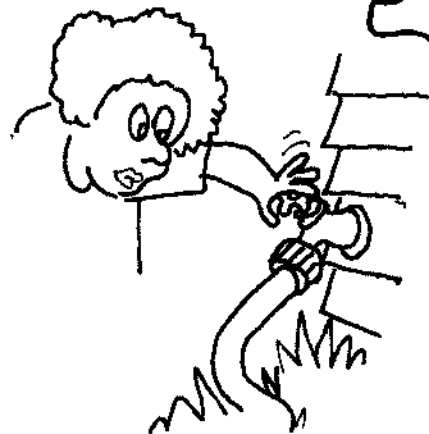
What can we do, Carl?



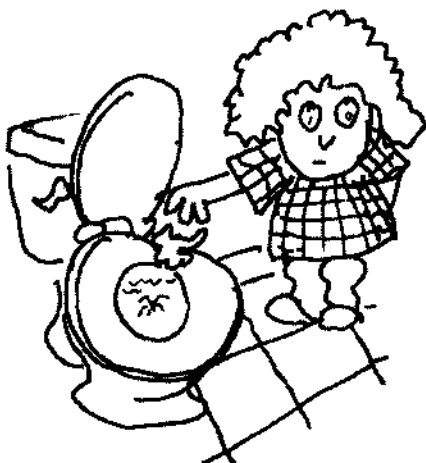
It's easy! Save water so there is less to clean.



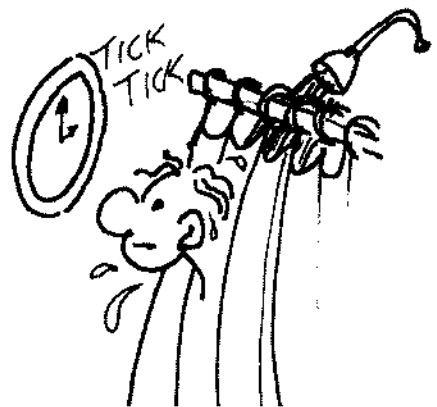
Turn off the faucet when you scrub...you'll save 5 gallons of water.



Turn off the hose as soon as you are done washing the car or watering the yard...in 5 minutes you'll save 40 gallons!



Don't use your toilet as a waste basket. You'll save 5 gallons.



Take shorter showers. Every minute equals 5 gallons of water...reduce your time by 3 minutes and you'll save 15 gallons of water!



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