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Storm Water	Rainwater that flows off streets or parking lots and can carry pollution.		
Storm Drain	A hole in the street where rainwater goes underground so roads don't flood.		
Runoff	Rain or melted snow that flows across the ground into rivers, lakes, or streams.		
Biodegradable	Something that breaks down naturally and doesn't hurt the Earth.		
Precipitation	Water that falls from the sky.		
Snowmelt	Water from melted snow.		
Point Source Pollution	Pollution that comes from a specific place like a factory's pipe or a sewage drain		

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Non-Point Source Pollution	Pollution that spreads across the land and comes from many places, not just one. It can happen when rainwater picks up trash, dirt, or chemicals and carries them into rivers or lakes.		
Pollutants	Something that makes water or air dirty and unsafe. This can include oil, pesticides and runoff containing trash.		
Urban Watershed	An area in a city where water flows through streets, buildings, and parks before reaching rivers or lakes.		
Sediment	Tiny bits of dirt, sand, or rocks that are moved by wind or water.		
Water Treatment Facility	A special building that cleans dirty water so it's safe to go back into nature.		
Drainage Pipes	Pipes that carry water away from roads and buildings.		