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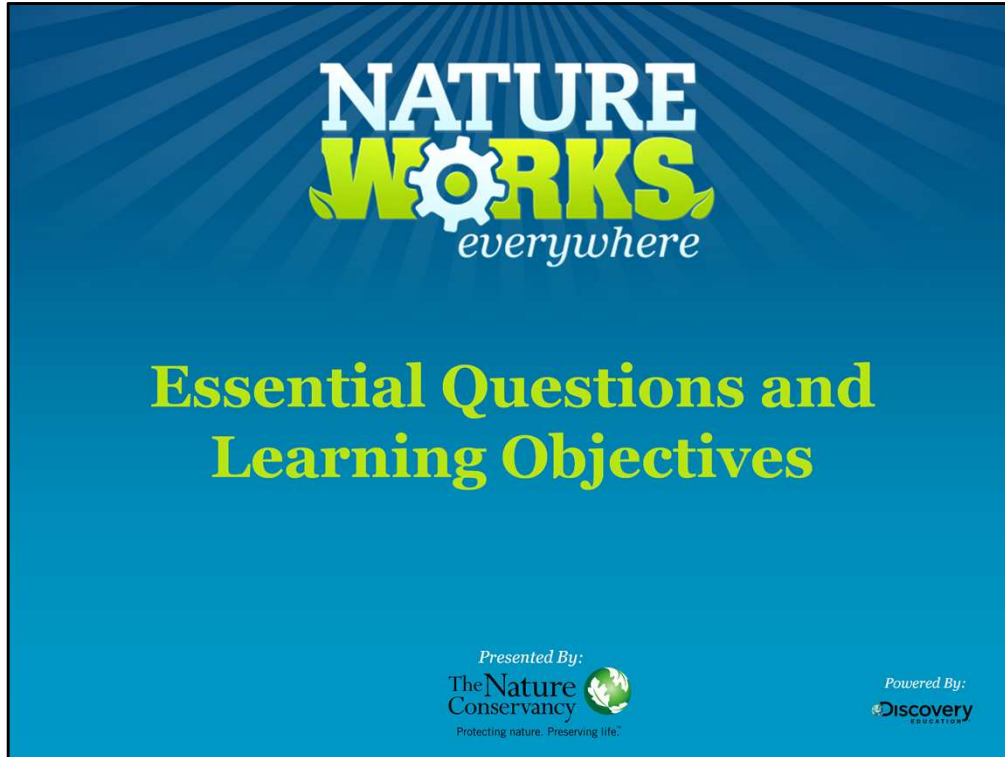
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ESSENTIAL QUESTION: How to paved areas impact the filtration of rainwater?

Lesson Overview:

Students learn about the importance of water quality for human health and agriculture. They conduct a simple lab activity to demonstrate how natural areas filter water better than paved areas.

Learning Objectives:

Evaluation

Solve quantifiable problems related to run-off volume and water quality in natural areas and impervious surfaces.

Synthesis

Contrast features of natural areas and impervious surfaces that lead to differences in runoff volume and water quality.

Analysis

Generalize about the impacts of water quality on human health.
Calculate differences in run-off volume between natural areas and impervious

surfaces.

Application

Compare differences in run-off volume and quality between natural areas and impervious surfaces.

Characterize the different parts of the water cycle and how they are impacted by human activity.

Comprehension

Describe the volume of water on Earth in relation to Earth's total volume.

Distinguish between different kinds of impervious surfaces.

Explain the importance of water quality as it relates to water being a limited resource.

Knowledge

Identify the difference between natural areas and impervious surfaces.

Know the key indicators of water quality.

Know the key parts of the water cycle.

Nature Works Everywhere Theme:

Water: Impervious areas increase pollution because runoff does not pass through nature's filtering systems.



Background for the Teacher:

In this lesson, students learn the value of clean freshwater and the natural processes that ensure an adequate supply of usable freshwater. Nature works to filter water and to release water over time. In this way, nature reduces the amount of artificial treatment needed to filter water and also contributes to prevention of flooding. Students brainstorm the different ways that people use water, from household use to industry and agriculture. Statistics related to the quantity of water on the planet help students understand that water is a finite resource. Students relate their own activities to the water supply to put their own consumption in activities. Students then brainstorm various threats to the water supply. For a hands-on activity, students focus on the role of natural areas as filters that produce clean water. Such natural filters are contrasted with impervious (paved) areas to compare the impact of development on the ability of nature to provide clean freshwater.



Title page of class presentation

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The Importance of Water Quality

- You will learn about the importance of water quality for human health and agriculture.
- You will conduct a simple lab activity to demonstrate how natural areas filter water better than paved areas.

Information to give a quick overview of lesson to students.

How Many Glasses of Water Do You Drink In A Day?



Clean Glass of Water

Engage:

Open the lesson with asking the students “How many glasses of water do you drink in a day?” Accept all responses.

Ask the students, “Would you like to drink a clean glass of water?”

LT/LCD: Click once to show image (Clean Glass of Water)

IWB: Tap once to show the image (Clean Glass of Water)

Have students share with a partner how they think we get fresh drinking water each day? 30 second share and then ask for responses.



As we watch this video, think about these two questions



Why is freshwater important?

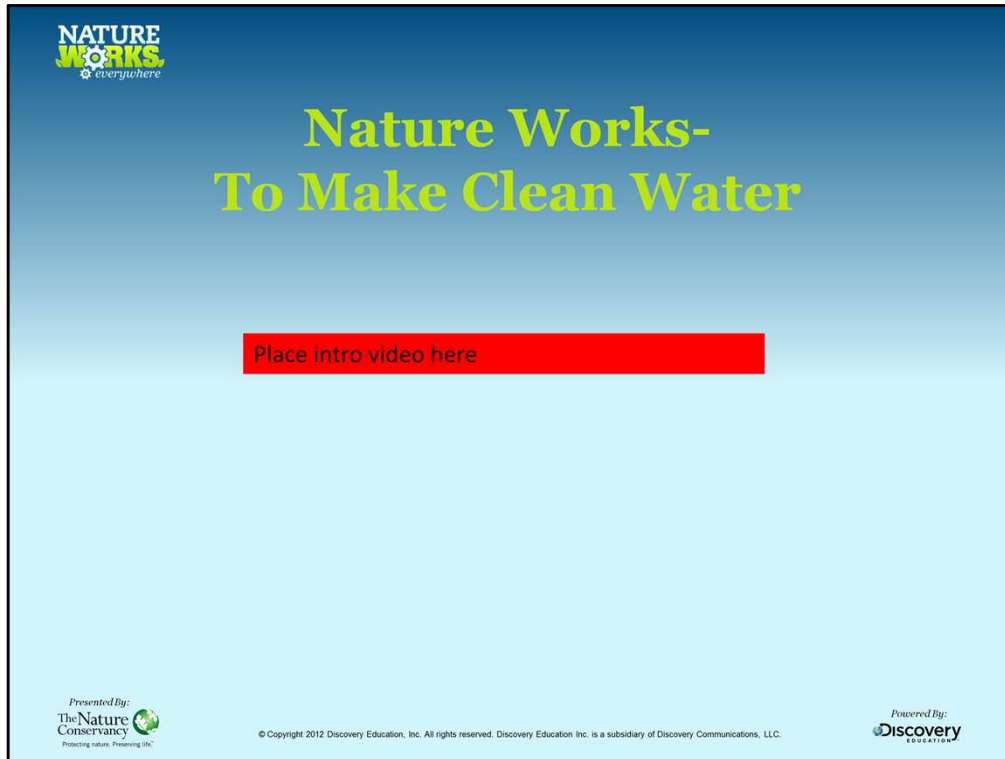
What is nature's filtration system?

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Explain to students that you will be watching a video clip.
Ask students to consider these two questions as they watch; they should not write or record any information while they are watching



The video is embedded.
Hover over the video to reveal the play arrow at the bottom



Take 2 minutes to write down your answers to the two questions



Why is freshwater important?

What is nature's filtration system?



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Instruct students to take 2 minutes to record their answers to the two questions.

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Share Your Answers

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Solicit responses from the students

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Three Types of Places That Provide a Healthy Watershed



A healthy watershed has many places for rain to sink into the soil.

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IWB: Tap each Earth picture; to reveal the places

This information was contained in the video so the teacher is checking for understanding.

Ask the student to recall "What are three types of places that provide a healthy watershed."



List 10 Ways You Use Water

Ways you use water	How many times a day?

Can you think of more than ten ways that you use water?



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Have students brainstorm the different ways that people use water, from household use to industry and agriculture.



List 10 Other Ways People Use Water

Ways people use water	Give an example



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Point out that water is essential for biological processes and for numerous industrial and agricultural activities.
Explain that nature works to filter water and to release water over time and to thereby benefit people.

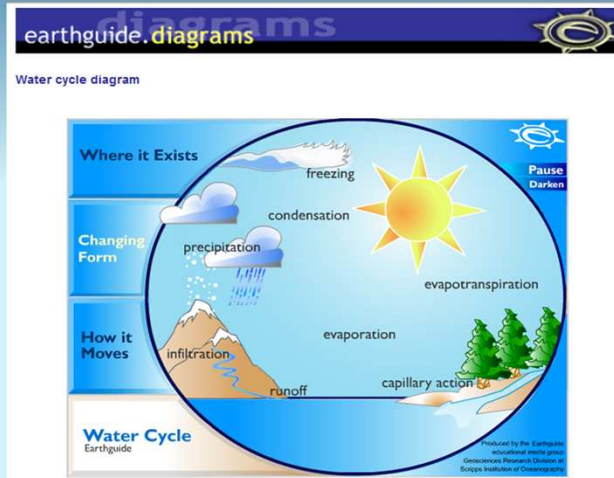
Water on Earth is recycled through weather, life processes and geology.



Read informational slide to lead into the water cycle slides. Click on Slide

Animated Water Cycle

Can you follow a drop of water from the ocean and back again?



Show students the animation of the water cycle.
Click on Image to launch hyperlink to site.
<http://earthguide.ucsd.edu/earthguide/diagrams/watercycle/>

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**What Parts
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Water
Cycle are
Available
for Human
Use?**

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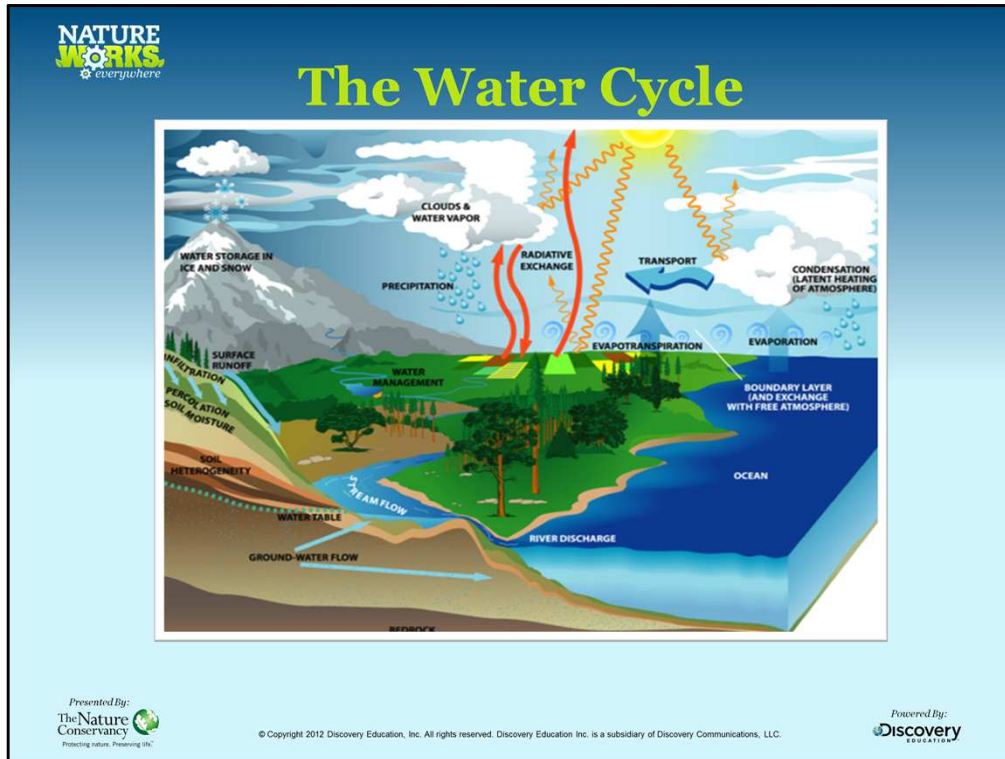
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Have students consider which part of the water cycle we use the most (from the tab of the water cycle animation). Have students conclude that only a small part of the water cycle is available for human use (groundwater, stream, rain). Ask students why they think such a small percentage of Earth's water is drinkable.

Emphasize that humans use an ever-greater proportion of the available freshwater, and are therefore increasingly impacting the water cycle.



Click on image to go to the site of this image. Show students where the image can be found.

<http://www.usgcrp.gov/usgcrp/images/ocp2003/WaterCycle-optimized.jpg>

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Glossary Term Alert

Glossary Term

Finite means limited, not endless. Most of Earth's resources, such as water, are finite and therefore limited.



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A resource is a limited quantity of useful substance or material. A natural resource is one that is provided by nature, such as water.

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The Water Cycle Animation



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Click or tap on the image to launch the hyperlinked animation on the site.
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List Factors That Make Water Fit To Drink

Factors affecting water quality	Ways to measure	Units



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Have students consider a glass of water and what makes that water fit to drink. Have students make a list of factors that contribute to water quality. Have them first brainstorm factors, and then research online. The list should include how those factors might be measured. Click to the next slide.

How Scientists Measure Water Quality

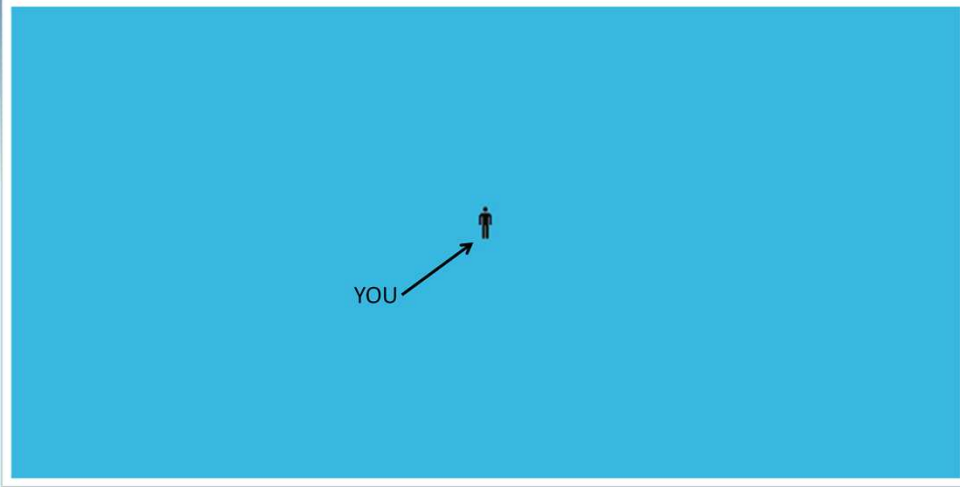
Factors affecting water quality	Ways to measure	Units
Dissolved oxygen (DO)	Chemical assay, DO probe	mg/L
Nitrate	Chemical assay, nitrate electrode	mg/L
Phosphate	Indicator test strip	parts per million
Biochemical oxygen demand (BOD)	Biochemical assay	mg O ₂ consumed per liter/L
Pesticides	Chemical assay	µg/L
Metals	Chemical assay	mg/L
pH	pH indicator, pH probe	pH
Temperature	Thermometer, temperature sensor	Degrees Celsius
Turbidity	Secchi disk, nephelometer	NTUs

Some of the most important factors that could be measured.

Lots and Lots of Water!

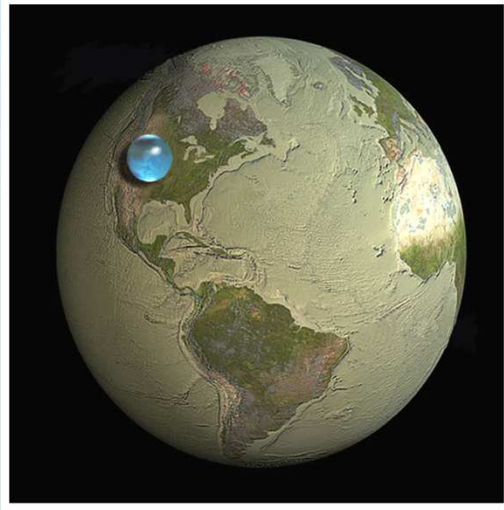
- Scientists would say there are 1.4×10^9 cubic kilometers of water on Earth
- How much is that really?
- It is about 520,000,000,000 Olympic sized swimming pools.
- If an Olympic swimming pool was the size of one cell in your body, that would be enough cells to make five of you.
- Yet, water is a *finite resource*.

How Big is an Olympic Swimming Pool?



Click to next slide.

Earth and Water Volume Compared



Your two spheres should have relative sizes like this. The blue sphere represents all the water on Earth compared to the size of Earth. How much water in the blue sphere is available for humans?

When their models are complete show students the computer-generated image of the Earth compared with the volume of water. Explain that the small clear sphere is the volume of all of Earth's surface water relative to Earth itself.

Most of That Water is Unusable

- How much of the world's water is in the oceans? **97.5%**
- How much of the freshwater is inaccessible? **75%**
- How much of that little water sphere is available for human use? **1/100**

Pinch off a hundredth of the sphere that represents water.

Click or Tap to reveal the amounts after the students estimate what they think? Of even this small amount most water is unavailable for human use. Have students consider how much water in the sphere is available for humans. They might think half or a quarter. But more than 95% is in the oceans. Of the 2.5% of the freshwater almost three-quarters is inaccessible, locked up in ice-caps or deep underground aquifers. Therefore less than a hundredth (< 1%) of the little water sphere is available for human use. Have students try to pinch off a hundredth of the sphere of clay that represents water volume. That is why water quality is so important. Even though water seems abundant, it is a relatively scarce resource. Moreover easily contaminated or wasted. As human population increases, demand on that tiny amount of freshwater increases.



Draw a Diagram of The Water Cycle



Draw and label the six processes that drive the water cycle.
Explain the importance of each process.

A large white rectangular area with a torn bottom edge, intended for students to draw and label the water cycle.

Explain:

Have students draw, label and explain the importance of the water cycle.

Why Is Water Quality Important?

Reason water quality is important	Consequences from the lack of clean water

Complete the above table with reasons why water quality is important, and explain the consequences of poor quality water in each case.

Have students create a list of reasons why water quality is important and explain the consequences of poor quality water in each case. After they are done review and discuss then click to the next slide and clarify any misconceptions.

Why Water Quality is Important!

- Clean water is necessary for human health
- Various industries including agriculture and manufacturing require clean water
- Animals and plants depend on relatively clean water
- Contaminated water can kill aquatic life
- Contaminated water must be filtered, increasing the cost of water

After the students have made their lists then compare their list to this list. Make sure all important facts have been shared.

LT/LCD: Click one at a time for the list of statements to appear.

IWB: Tap on the board for one at a time for the statements to appear.

Glossary Term Alert

Glossary Term

Pollution is the “presence in or introduction into the environment of a substance or thing that has harmful or poisonous effect” In terms of water quality, it means any unwanted chemicals or substances that impact water quality.



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Consequences of Water Pollution

- What is *pollution*?
- List specific impacts on human health of water contaminated with heavy metals.
- List specific impacts on human health of water contaminated with untreated sewage.
- Research incidents where contaminated water resulted in sickness or even death.

Extend:

Have students consider consequences of water pollution and wastage. They can list the impacts on human health of water contaminated with heavy metals (e.g., mercury or lead poisoning) or untreated sewage (e.g., typhoid, cholera, etc.).

Have students research incidents where contaminated water resulted in sickness or even death. (For example, the 2008 United States salmonellosis outbreak was traced to contaminated irrigation water used on peppers. In 1999, contaminated water at the Washington County Fair in Easton, New York resulted in 71 hospitalizations and two deaths.)



Session 2

Nature's Water Filter

How effectively do natural areas filter water?



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Title slide for Session 2

What is a Paved Area?

- How often do you walk on the bare ground each day?
- Compare how often you walk on the bare ground each day compared to concrete, floors, parking lots or other surfaced areas.
- How much of the area around you is paved?
A lot? A little?
- Look at a Google Map around your town to see how much area is paved.
- Make a list of the different kinds of *impervious* surfaces such as parking lots, roads, driveways and roofs.



Engage

Ask students how often they walk on the bare ground each day.

Have students discuss how often they walk on bare ground compared to concrete, floors, parking lots or other surfaced areas.

Have students discuss how much of the area around them is paved. A lot? A little?

Have students look at a Google Map around their town to see how much area is paved. Have students categorize the different kinds of impervious surfaces such as parking lots, roads, driveways and roofs.

Glossary Term Alert

Glossary Term

An impervious surface or material is one that water is unable to pass through, such as asphalt or concrete in a parking lot.



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Natural Filtering Versus Impervious Surfaces



Images to show the two different surfaces.

As water seeps, water is filtered naturally, ensuring aquifers are replenished with clean freshwater. Explain that nature works to reduce the amount of artificial treatment needed to filter water and also contributes to prevention of flooding, thereby benefiting humans.

Types of Impervious Surfaces

Type of surface	Material

Complete the above table with types of impervious surfaces around your neighborhood and town. Indicate the material used for each type.

Brainstorm!

- What happens to rain that runs off impervious surfaces such as roads and parking lots?
- What kinds of chemicals and substances from *run-off* end up in streams and rivers?



Have students brainstorm what happens to rain that runs off roads and parking lots. Most of this water does not water plants or natural areas, but is transported in drains along with chemicals and trash that pollute streams, rivers, lakes and the ocean. Have students consider the kinds of chemicals that end up in streams from run-off. Oil and gasoline residue from parking lots are washed into streams and rivers. Have students consider how impervious surfaces reduce water supply. Water is transported along gutters and drains instead of seeping into the ground.

Glossary Term Alert

Glossary Term

Run-off is water that drains from the surface of an area of land, or buildings, into streams and rivers following rainfall. Run-off often contains pollutants.



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It's Time....




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Students will use a model to compare water that is filtered through a natural system versus water that runs off from an impervious surface.

Show students the YouTube video that demonstrates a simplified version of the activity.

It's Time to Ask the Scientist

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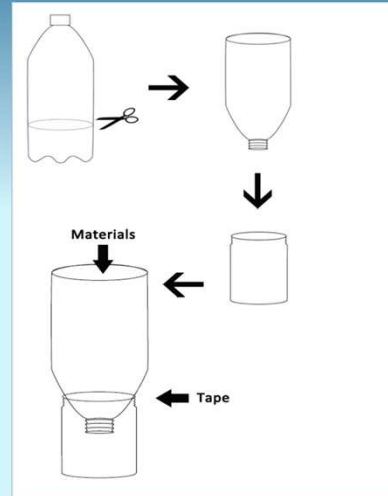
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Click on the video image to launch to YouTube for the video.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dw9p8jEB7m0>

Build Your Funnels

1. Construct two funnels with the soda bottles as shown in the diagram.
2. Invert one of the soda bottles to make a funnel and use the duct tape to secure the soda bottles to the large jars.



Have students construct two funnels with the soda bottles as shown in the diagram. Invert one of the soda bottles to make a funnel and use the duct tape to secure the soda bottles to the large jars.

Have students mix together a handful or so each of the garden soil, sand, gravel, leaves and moss. The quantities are not important, but try to keep the amounts of each material about equal. Set aside a small handful of moss. Place the small handful of moss in the neck of the funnel. Add the mixture to the funnel. Ensure the material is packed firmly but not too tightly. This funnel represents soil through which water filters in natural areas.

In the other funnel, students place the pieces of concrete, to the same volume as the soil-filled funnel. Loosely crumple the old newspaper into various sized pieces and crush the plastic cups. Add the newspaper and plastic cups into the funnel. This funnel represents areas across which water drains in paved areas. The newspaper and cups represent trash which may collect in the drains of paved areas.

Students mix together a small amount of the garden soil with 2 liters of water and add two cups of the vegetable oil.

Have students add 1 liter of this mixture to the pouring jug.

Have students pour the mixture into the soil-filled funnel.

Have students record how long it takes for the water to drain through and their observations.

Also have students measure the height of the oil layer that rises to the top of the water once it has filtered through.

Repeat the above step for funnel filled with pieces of concrete.

Key Questions

- Did you observe differences between the two funnels?
- What were the differences in:
 - Time for water to move through funnels?
 - Clarity of water?
 - Thickness of oil layer?
- What accounts for these differences?

Record in journals and then discuss as a class.

Model The System

How does your experiment model a real system?

Experiment	Feature	Real system

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Nature Works- To Make Clean Water What Can You Do?

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Review this video again keeping in mind how you might be able to make a difference in your backyard or community.

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What Can You Do?



What is something you can do in your backyard or neighborhood to reduce run-off from going into the watershed?

Solicit responses from the students to write about what they can do to make a difference in the world.