



Eugene's 3 Water Systems

Water is a precious, limited resource. Eugene's water resources are managed by three separate systems: drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater.

1 Drinking Water

Eugene's drinking water source, the McKenzie River, is fed by melting snows and mountain springs. River water is pumped to a filtration plant where Eugene Water and Electric Board (EWEB) removes impurities. Chlorine is added to kill bacteria and inactivate viruses. The water is then put through an activated charcoal filter before it is pumped to our homes and schools.

1 Comes from the McKenzie River, through EWEB's filtration plant, and then to our homes.

2 Wastewater

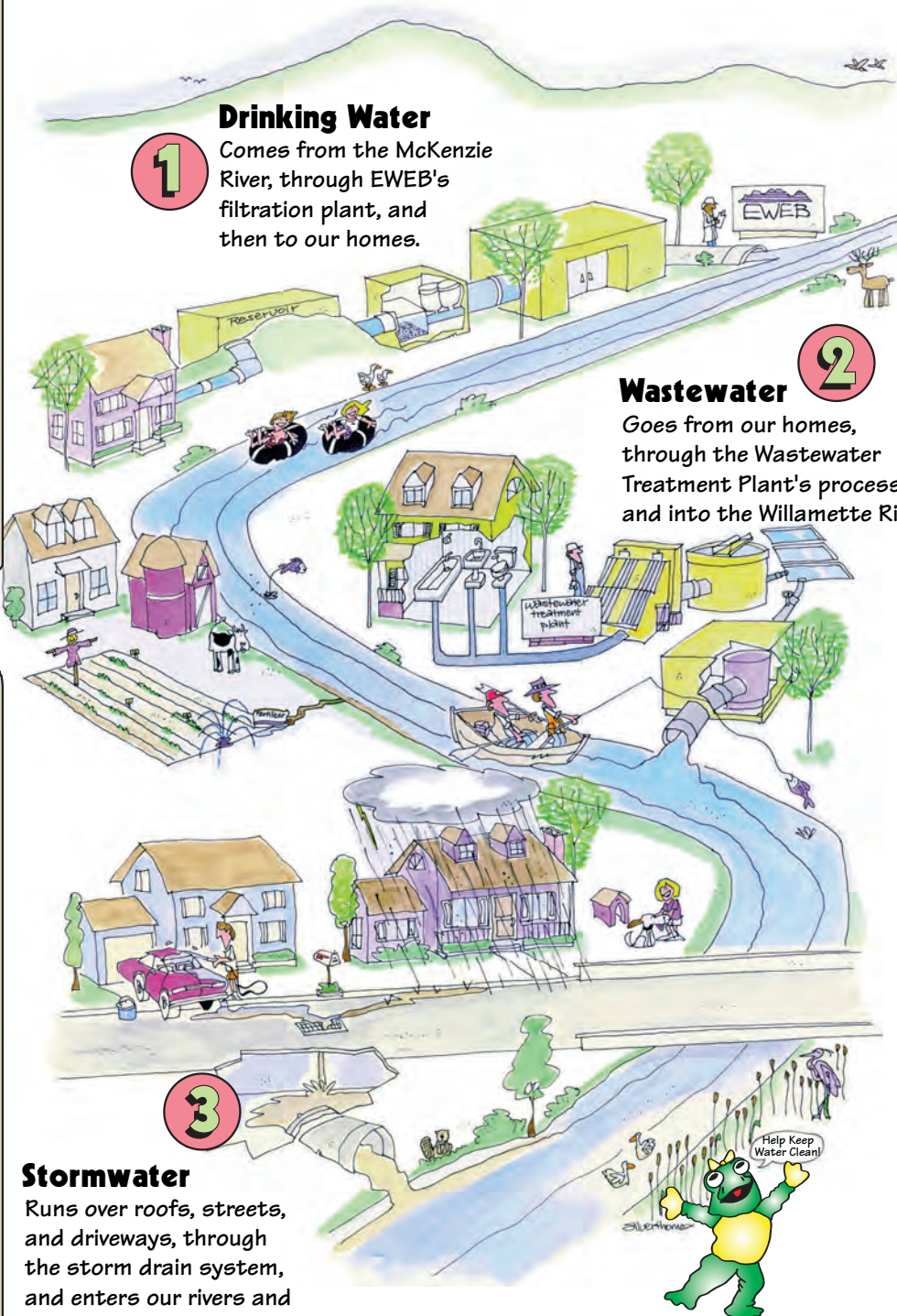
The Eugene/Springfield Wastewater Treatment Plant treats the water we have used for bathing, cleaning, and cooking. Sanitary sewers carry this wastewater to the treatment plant where it is cleaned through primary and secondary treatment processes. It is then disinfected before being released to the Willamette River.

2 Goes from our homes, through the Wastewater Treatment Plant's process, and into the Willamette River.

3 Stormwater

Stormwater is not treated but flows through the storm drain system into our rivers and creeks. Pollutants can be washed from our driveways, roofs, and streets into the storm drain system. Keeping pollutants out of stormwater is a good way to help keep water clean.

3 Runs over roofs, streets, and driveways, through the storm drain system, and enters our rivers and creeks untreated.



Help Keep Water Clean

Learn how your actions can make a difference. Call Eugene Public Works Stormwater Information at 682-2739 to learn more.

