

# COLOR SEVIER COUNTY BLUE

What causes our rivers, lakes and streams to change colors?

What can we do to help?

Is it pollution?



STORMWATER HOTLINE 429-4882

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PLANET HEALTHY!**

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What's  
Wrong with  
the water?



Why are the animals sick or moving out?  
The water may be polluted. One cause of  
water pollution is Storm Water Pollution  
and is caused by things like trash, dirt,  
oil, sewage and chemicals.

Storm Water Pollution happens because water becomes contami-  
nated with stuff like trash, dirt, oil, and sewage chemicals.



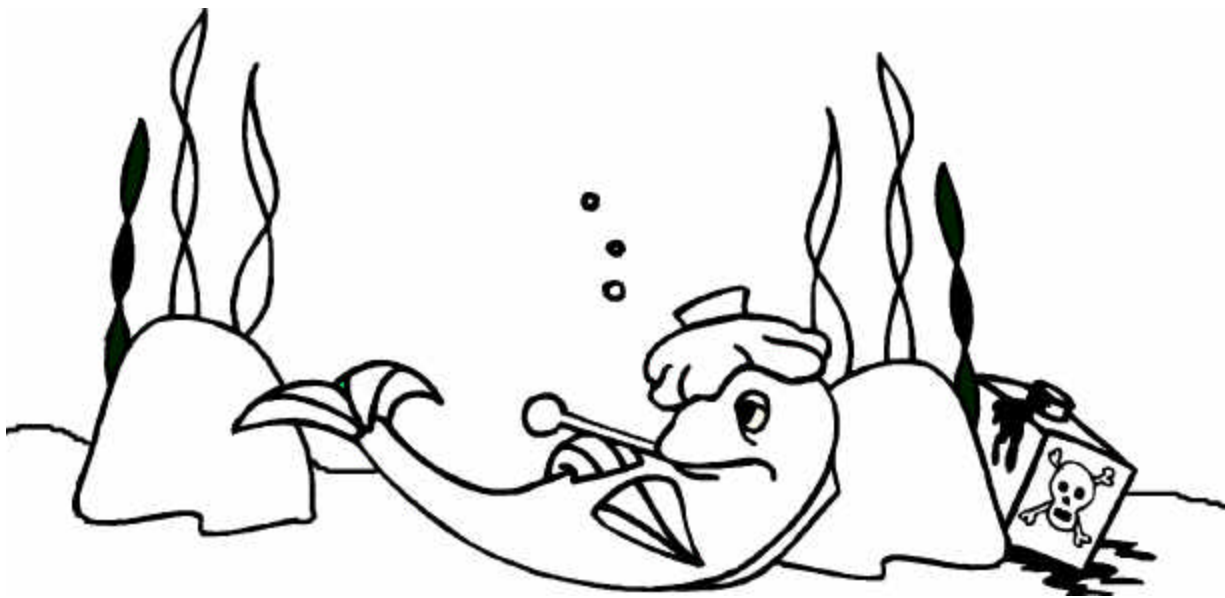
When streams and lakes are polluted, all the plants and creatures that live in the water can suffer. People are affected, too. Polluted water is unsuitable for drinking, recreation, agriculture, and industry.

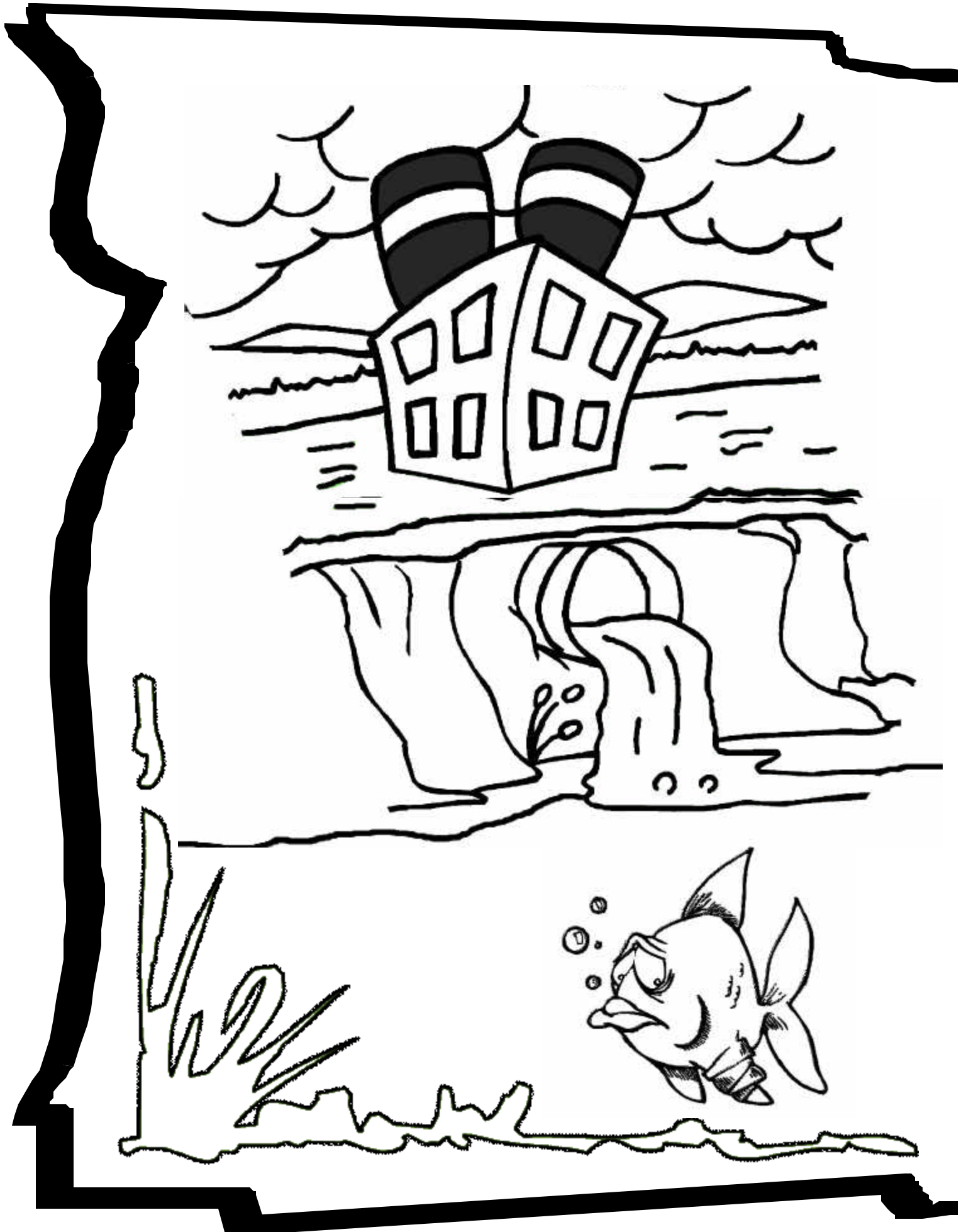
See if you can answer the following questions:

Can you SWIM in polluted water?      YES    or    NO

Can you DRI NK polluted water?      YES    or    NO

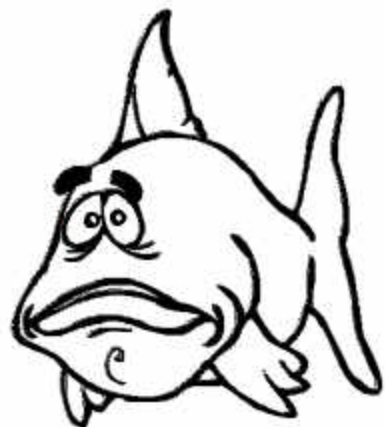
Do FI SH like polluted water?      YES    or    NO





# How does the water become polluted?

We cause pollution. When it rains, the water that flows over the streets and in drainage ditches picks up pollutants such as trash, dirt, pet waste, chemicals and more and carries them, untreated, into our rivers, streams and lakes.



The underlined words below are hidden in the word puzzle.  
See how many you can find.

1. Polluted RUNOFF is the nation's #1 water quality problem.
2. Too much POLLUTION in water can harm aquatic life.
3. A single quart of OIL, if disposed of improperly, can pollute 2 million gallons of water.
4. Don't dump used motor oil into storm drains—RECYCLE it!
5. Storm DRAINS don't always connect to sewage treatment plants, so runoff can flow directly to rivers, lakes and coastal waters.
6. EROSION of soil from barren land can cloud nearby streams.
7. The WAKES of speeding boats can erode shorelines.
8. Follow directions carefully when applying FERTILIZER on your lawn—more isn't always better.
9. Yard and vegetable food waste are suitable additions to a COMPOST pile.
10. WETLANDS prevent flooding, improve water quality, and provide habitat for waterfowl, fish, and wildlife.

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R T E T L O L I U E Y I  
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F L S R I W C W A K E S



# Adopt-A-Stream

The Adopt-A-Stream Program is a citizen-based monitoring and litter prevention initiative to protect the health and beauty of our local waterways. Talk to your parents about volunteering through our Adopt-A-Stream program. You can make a difference by helping to keep our waterways clean and safe.

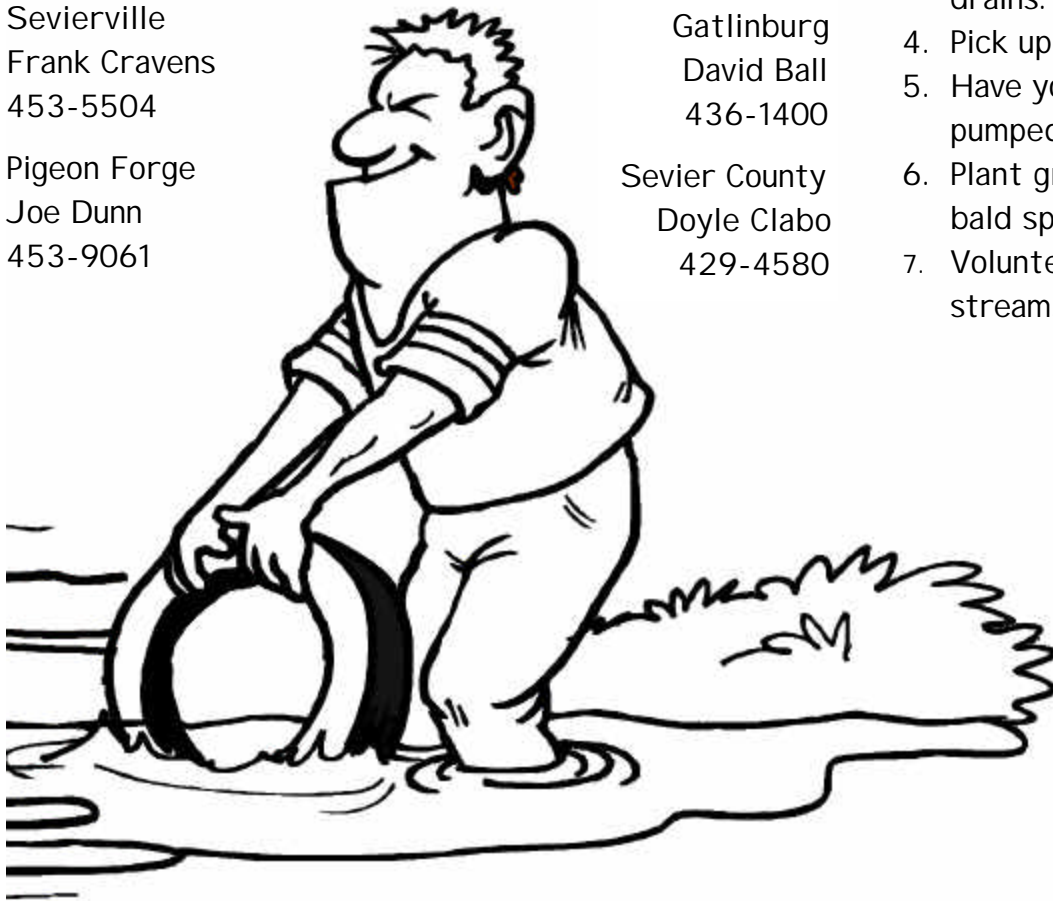
For more information on the Adopt-A-Stream Program, contact any of our Sevier Stormwater Team representatives.

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## How can we help?

1. Never pour anything into storm drains.
2. Don't throw your trash on the ground.
3. Have your parents take their car to a car wash or wash it in the grass so that cleaners don't run into the storm drains.
4. Pick up after your pet.
5. Have your septic tank pumped regularly.
6. Plant grass or plants in bald spots in your yard.
7. Volunteer to adopt a stream.





## True & Blue Award

I know that I can make a difference in the waterways of my community to help make the world's waters clean and safe.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

I know how storm water pollutes our waters.

I promise to help keep our waters clean.

I know that by keeping the waters in my community clean it makes it a nicer and safer place to live and play.

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