

2020 WALL CALENDAR

Simple Steps to SAVE WATER *Outdoors & In*



TEST WITH TRACKS

Water your lawn and landscape only when it is actually needed, such as when footprints are left when you walk across the grass.

AVOID BUZZ CUTS

Cut your grass at the highest recommended height for your turf species or the highest setting on your lawn mower. Cut no more than one-third of the grass length at one time to encourage grass roots to grow deeper.



SPRINKLE WITH CARE

Apply moderate amounts of water to create a healthy, drought- and stress-tolerant lawn. For most Florida soils, applying no more than three-quarters of an inch of water per application is enough to revitalize the grass. Use spray heads designed for planting beds. Position the sprinkler so that you water only the lawn and shrubs, not paved areas.

OUTDOORS



PLANT GEORGIA-FRIENDLY LAWN

Plant native or drought-tolerant vegetation that thrives in the native soil and local weather conditions. Go native, and resist the urge to water it and just let it go brown during the dry season. It will come back, as nature intended, when the rains come.



FERTILIZE RESPONSIBLY

Excessive nutrients flowing into our waterways do not only come from big industry or agriculture. The use of fertilizer and pesticides on our yards results in pollutants contaminating the waterways in stormwater runoff when it rains. Residents are encouraged not to use fertilizers or pesticides during the warmer months and to use them in the correct amounts during other times of the year.

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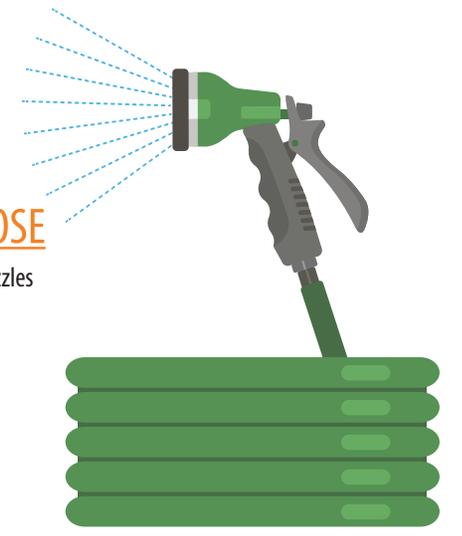


COLOR YOUR WATER

Detect a leaking toilet by adding a few drops of food coloring to the tank. If the tank is leaking, color will appear in the bowl within 30 minutes. Replace the bad parts or consider upgrading to water-efficient toilets. Avoid flushing the toilet unnecessarily. Dispose of tissues, insects and other such waste in a trash can rather than in the toilet.

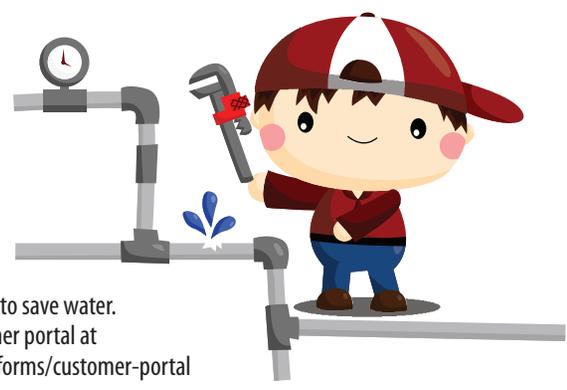
NOZZLE THE NOSE OF YOUR HOSE

Equip hoses with automatic shutoff nozzles for car washing, hand watering, etc.



CHECK FOR LEAKS

Check for leaking pipes monthly to save water. If eligible, sign up for our customer portal at www.gainesville.org/customer-forms/customer-portal to set thresholds, alarms, or to view usage.



TURN IT OFF

Turn off the water while brushing your teeth or shaving.



LOAD IT UP

Set clothes washing machines that have variable settings for water volume at the minimum amount required per load. If load size cannot be set, operate the washer with full loads only.



TIME YOUR SHOWERS

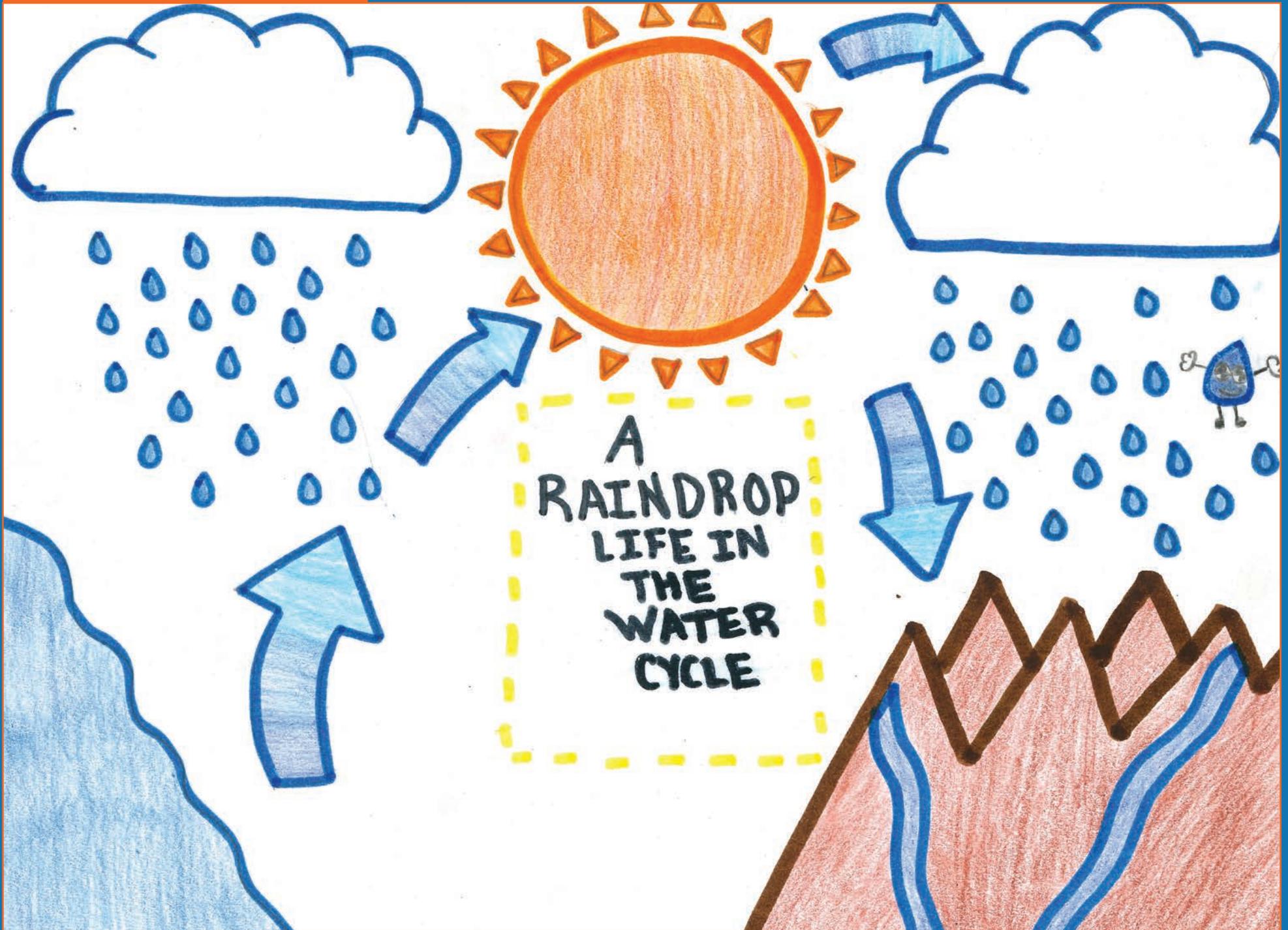
By timing your showers to keep them under five minutes and installing low-flow shower heads, you can save water. The older the shower head, the more water it uses. New low-flow shower heads use only 2 gallons of water per minute or less. Older fixtures use as much as 5 gallons per minute.



SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
Monthly Water Challenge Understand what your water bill pays for.						1	<i>New Year's Day</i>	2		3		4	
						5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18							
19	20	<i>MLK Day</i>	21	22	23	24	25						
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JANUARY 2020





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Monthly Water Challenge

Save water through habit changes like reducing one load of laundry per week.

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*Groundhog Day
World Wetlands Day*

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Valentine's Day

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President's Day

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Leap Year

FEBRUARY 2020

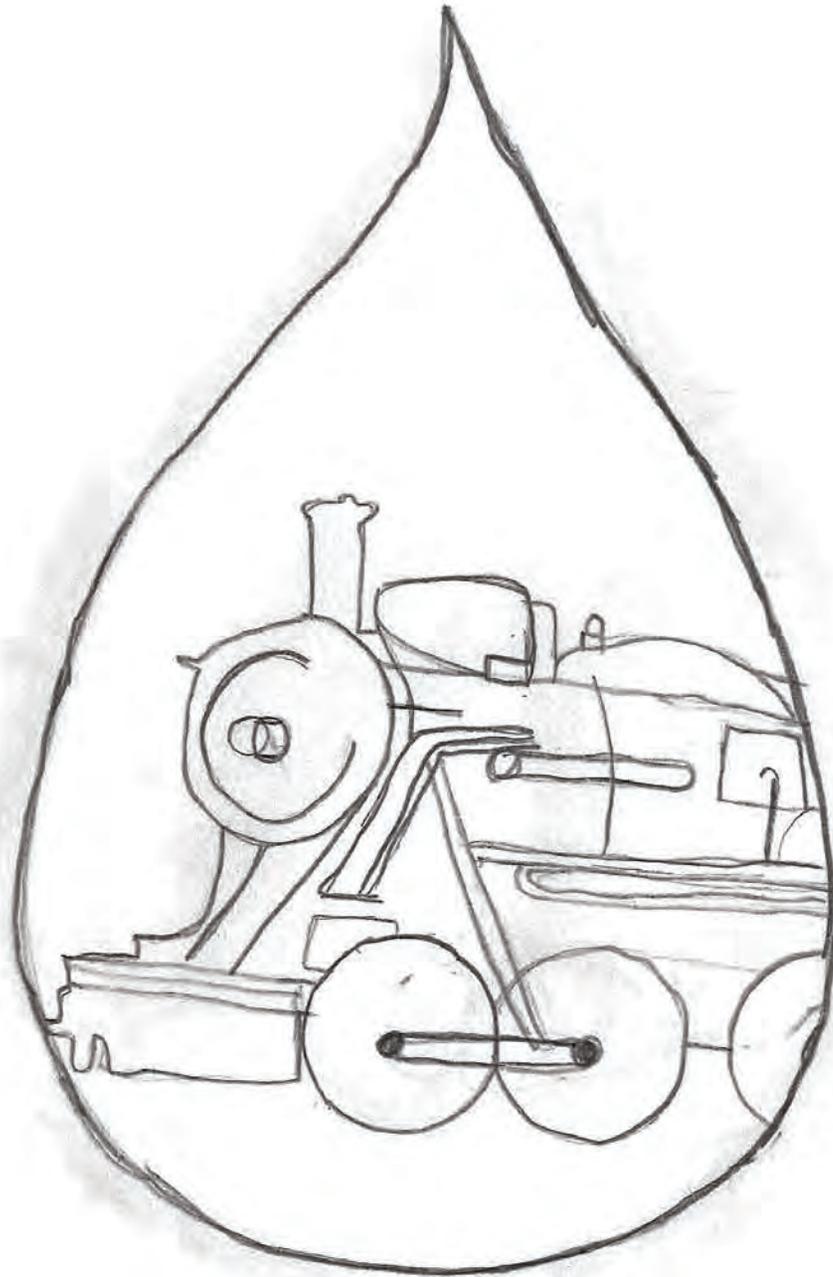




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8	<i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i>	9		10		11	<i>World Plumbing Day</i>	12		13		14	
15	<i>Fix a Leak Week</i>	16		17	<i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18		19	<i>Spring Begins</i>	20		21	
22	<i>World Water Day</i>	23		24		25		26		27		28	
29		30		31		<p>Monthly Water Challenge Check for leaks.</p>							

MARCH 2020





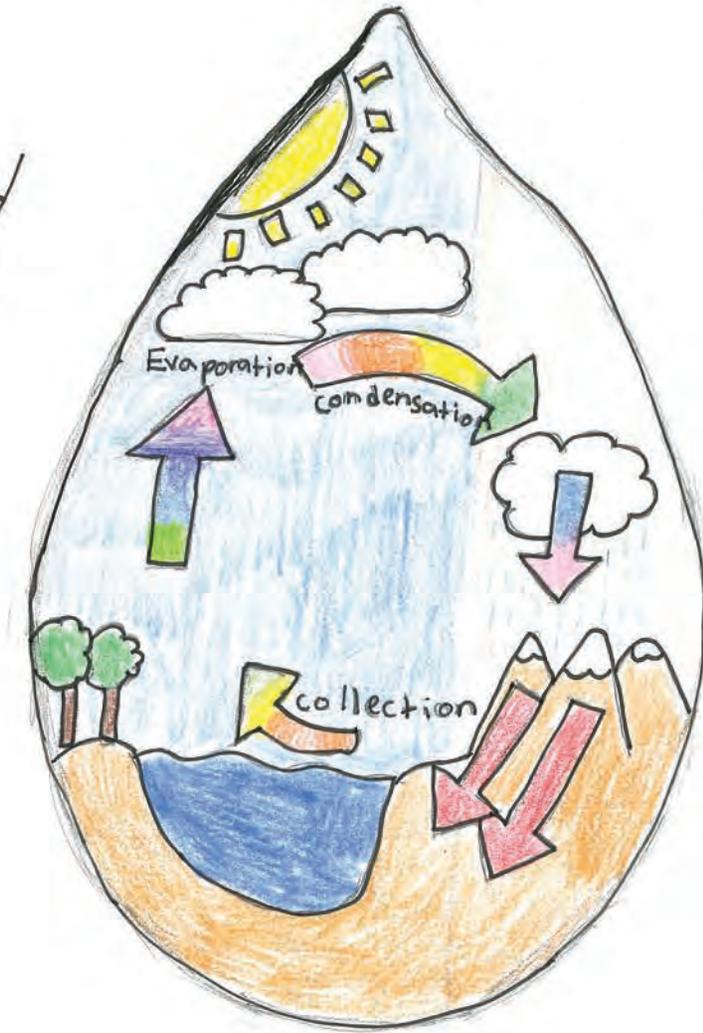
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Monthly Water Challenge Conserve water and protect what you do use with water-saving landscaping techniques.						1	<i>April Fool's Day</i>	2		3		4	
						5	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	6		7		8	
12	<i>Easter</i>	13		14		15	<i>Tax Day</i>	16		17		18	
19		20		21		22	<i>Earth Day (50th Anniversary)</i>	23		24		25	
26	<i>World Water Week</i>	27		28		29		30					

APRIL 2020



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Water Droplet + ☼

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Monthly Water Challenge

Install a WaterSense toilet.

*Set your irrigation timers responsibly.
Georgia law to water lawns only
before 10am and after 4pm.*

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Drinking Water Week

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MAY 2020



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7	8 <i>World Oceans Day</i>	9	10	11	12	13
14 <i>Flag Day</i>	15	16	17	18	19	20 <i>Summer Begins</i>
21 <i>Father's Day</i>	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	<p>Monthly Water Challenge Save water by using an automatic carwash that recycles water.</p>			

JUNE 2020



A Day in the life of a Gainesville water Drop



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A water Drop can be in a Water bottle



A water Drop can fall in a lake for example Lake Lanier

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		
Monthly Water Challenge Save water by limiting your outdoor water use.						1	<i>Smart Irrigation Month</i>		2		3		4	<i>Independence Day</i>
						5	6	7	8	9	10	11		
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JULY 2020



What will you do?



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Monthly Water Challenge

Save water by skipping the sink and scraping your dishes.

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AUGUST 2020





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Monthly Water Challenge Schedule a septic system inspection.				1		2		3		4		5			
				6	7 <i>Labor Day</i>	8		9		10		11		12	
				13	14 <i>Septic Smart Week</i>	15		16		17		18		19	
				20	21	22		23		24		25		26	
				27 <i>World Rivers Day</i>	28	29		30							

SEPTEMBER 2020

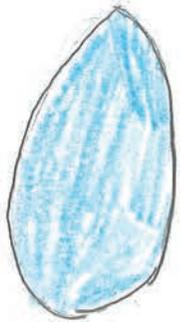
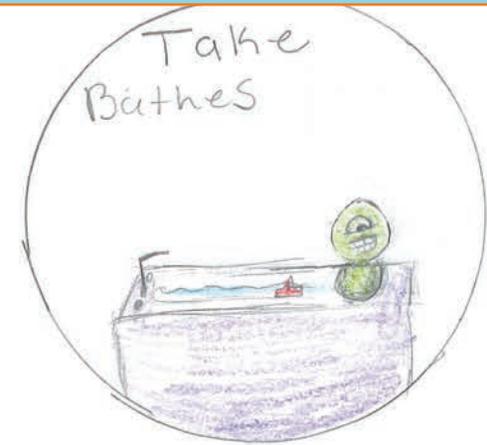




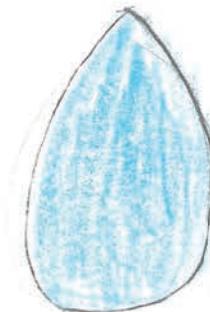
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Monthly Water Challenge Know your watershed.				1	2	3
				<i>A watershed is any area of land where precipitation collects and drains into a common place such as a river or lake.</i>		
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11	12 <i>Columbus Day</i>	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 <i>Halloween</i>

OCTOBER 2020





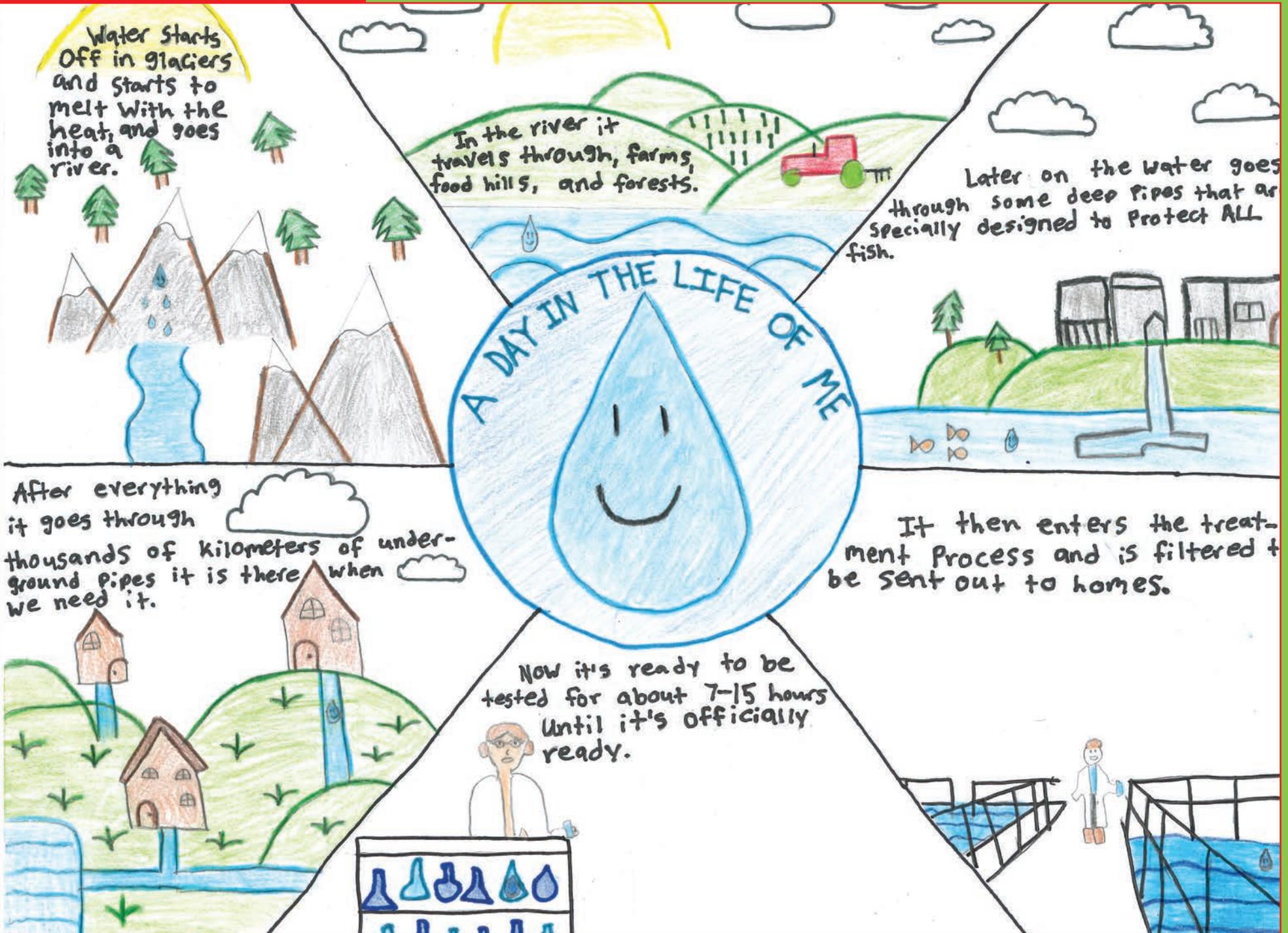
Conserve
Water



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1	<i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i>	2		3	<i>Election Day</i>	4		5		6		7	
8		9		10		11	<i>Veteran's Day</i>	12		13		14	
15	<i>America Recycles Day</i>	16		17		18		19	<i>World Toilet Day</i>	20		21	
22		23		24		25		26	<i>Thanksgiving</i>	27		28	
29		30		<p>Monthly Water Challenge Stop disposing of fats, oils, grease, and wipes down the drain.</p>									



NOVEMBER 2020



SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		
Monthly Water Challenge Protect local streams by scooping your pet's poop.				1		2		3		4		5		
				6	7	8	9	10	<i>Hanukkah Begins</i>	11	12			
				13	14	15	16	17	18	19				
				20	21	<i>Winter Begins</i>	22	23	24	<i>Christmas Eve</i>	25	<i>Christmas</i>	26	<i>Kwanzaa Begins</i>
				27	28	29	30	31	<i>New Year's Eve</i>					

DECEMBER 2020





The City of Gainesville Water Resources Department would like to thank each student who participated in our 2nd Annual Water Conservation Calendar Contest!



**Thank
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