Did you know that a glass of water you drink today could be water that a dinosaur once sipped?
About 70% of the Earth’s surface is covered in water, and almost all of that water has been around since the Earth formed billions and billions of years ago.

There are four parts to the water cycle. Evaporation happens when lakes, oceans, rivers, and streams are heated by the sun. Liquid water evaporates into a gas called “water vapor.” When water vapor cools enough to become a liquid, we say it “condenses.” Condensation happens when water vapor cools into tiny droplets to make clouds. Precipitation is when water from the clouds falls to Earth as rain, sleet, hail, or snow. Collection happens when the rain, hail, snow, or sleet gathers back into oceans, lakes, rivers, streams, and glaciers. The water cycle goes around and around, all the time, all over the world.
So why should you care? Since most of the water in the world is the same water that was here when the Earth was formed, we should make sure we keep it as clean as possible.

Even a dinosaur with a brain the size of a pea knows not to pollute!

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Water moves around the Earth in a Water Cycle so make sure you properly dispose of household hazardous wastes and don’t dump anything down the drain or on the ground that you wouldn’t want to show up in your glass of drinking water.

Remember,

it’s your water,
it’s your decision!