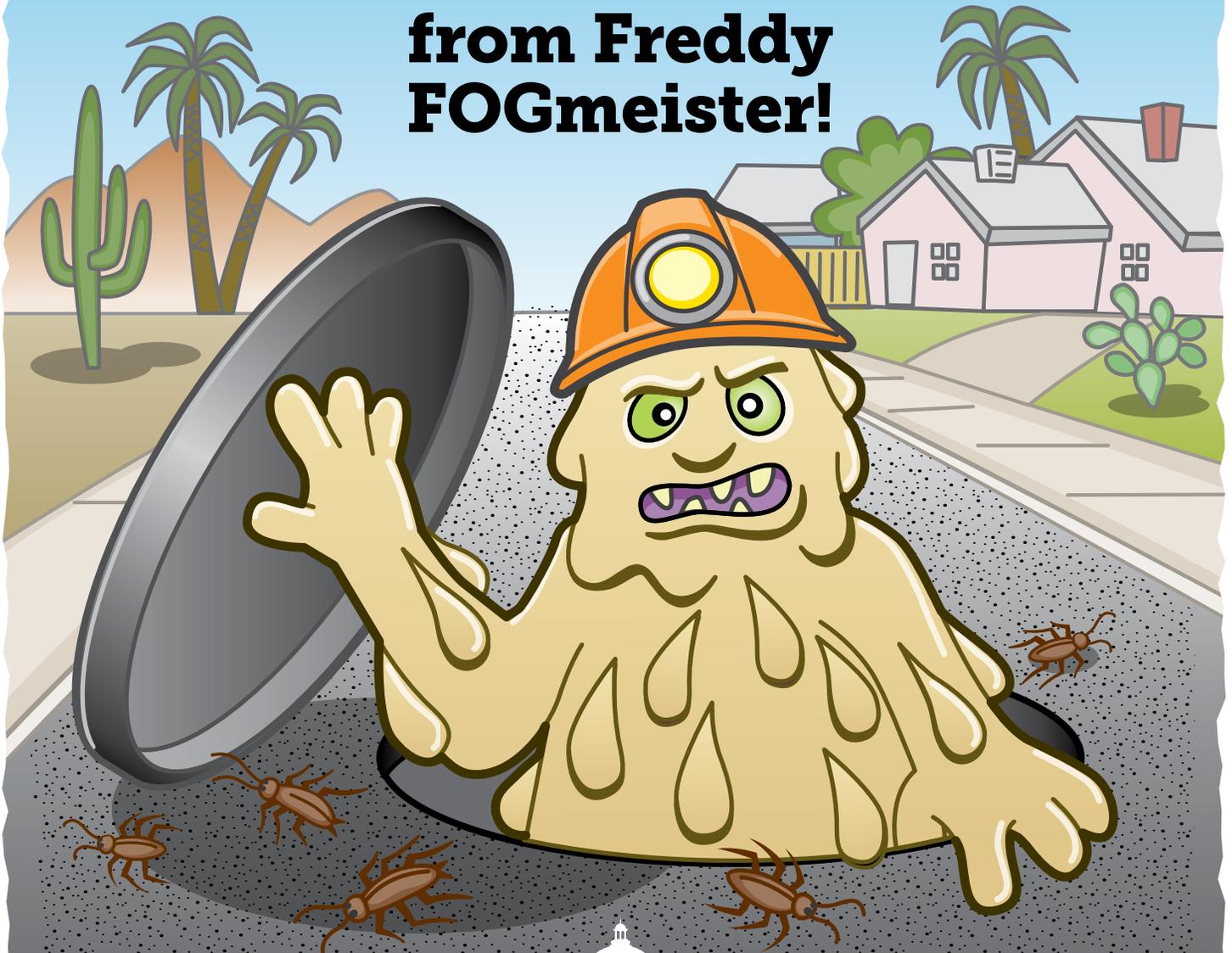


Protect Our Pipes

**from Freddy
FOGmeister!**



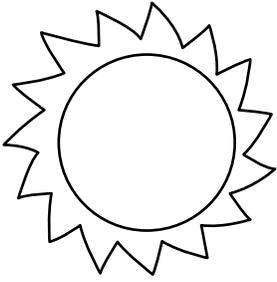
PIMA COUNTY
WASTEWATER RECLAMATION

Where does used water go?

Most people do not think twice about where their used water (wastewater) goes once they flush toilets, take showers, do laundry, or brush their teeth. Does it just magically disappear?

Underneath our community roads in Pima County, Arizona, exists over 3,500 miles of sewer pipes that carry used water/wastewater from homes, businesses, and schools to eight water reclamation facilities (treatment plants) throughout Pima County where that water is cleaned.

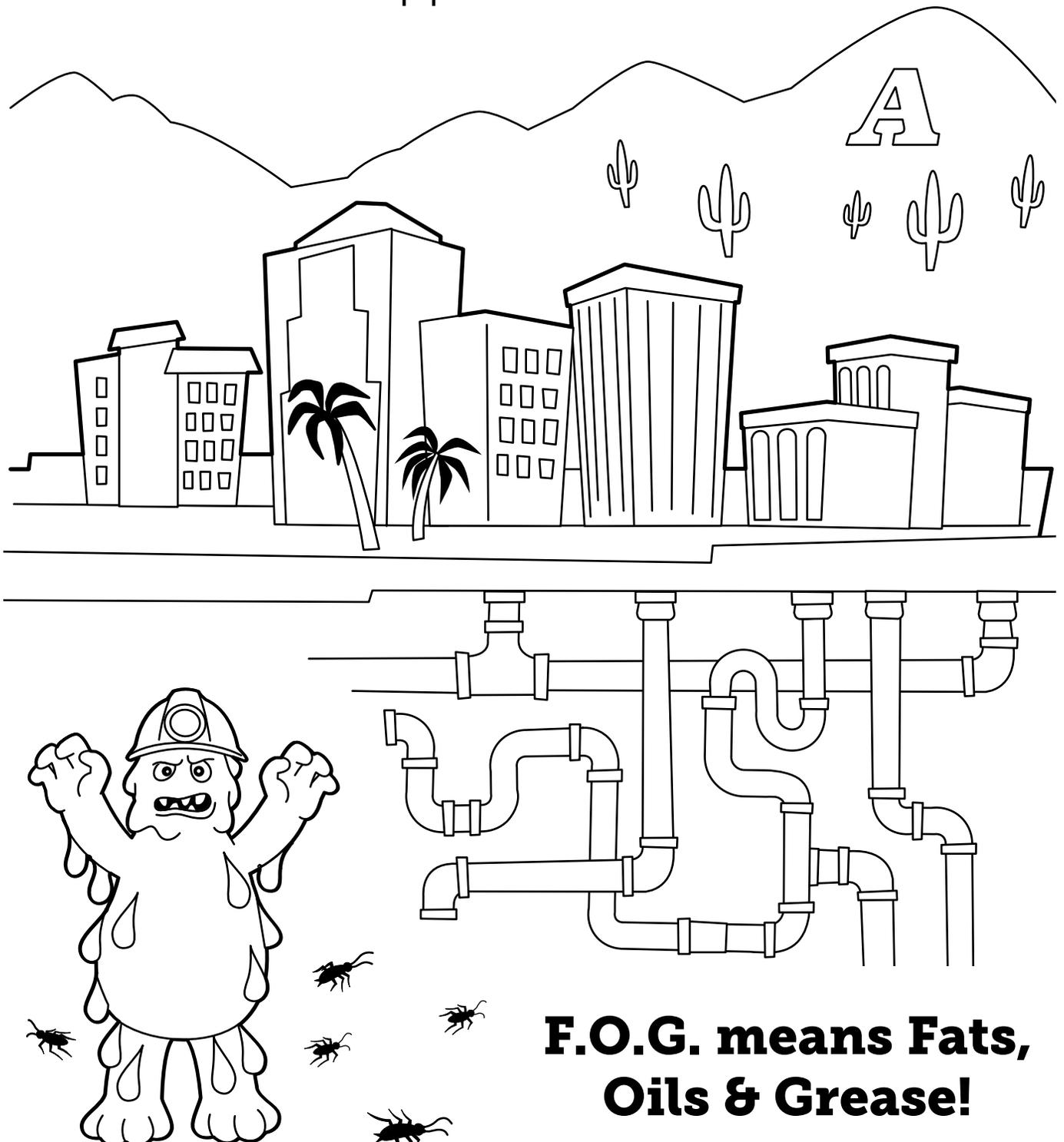




Down in the sewers

of this great community lurks a Meister, the master of the sewers, named Freddy FOGmeister.

FOG is fats, oils, and grease that attract roaches, and FOG can wreak havoc by clogging the sewers pipes.



**F.O.G. means Fats,
Oils & Grease!**

Freddy FOGmeister and his roach buddies

love to play in the sewers, especially when there is lots of sticky grease to eat!



When your pipes get clogged,

dirty water from toilets, sinks, and washing machines back up into streets, the environment, and sometimes people's homes.

This is disgusting, but it makes Freddy FOGmeister very happy and likes to invite his roach friends to events known as Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSO's)!

This does not make the good citizens of Pima County happy; it is smelly, can make you sick, and pollute our Earth!

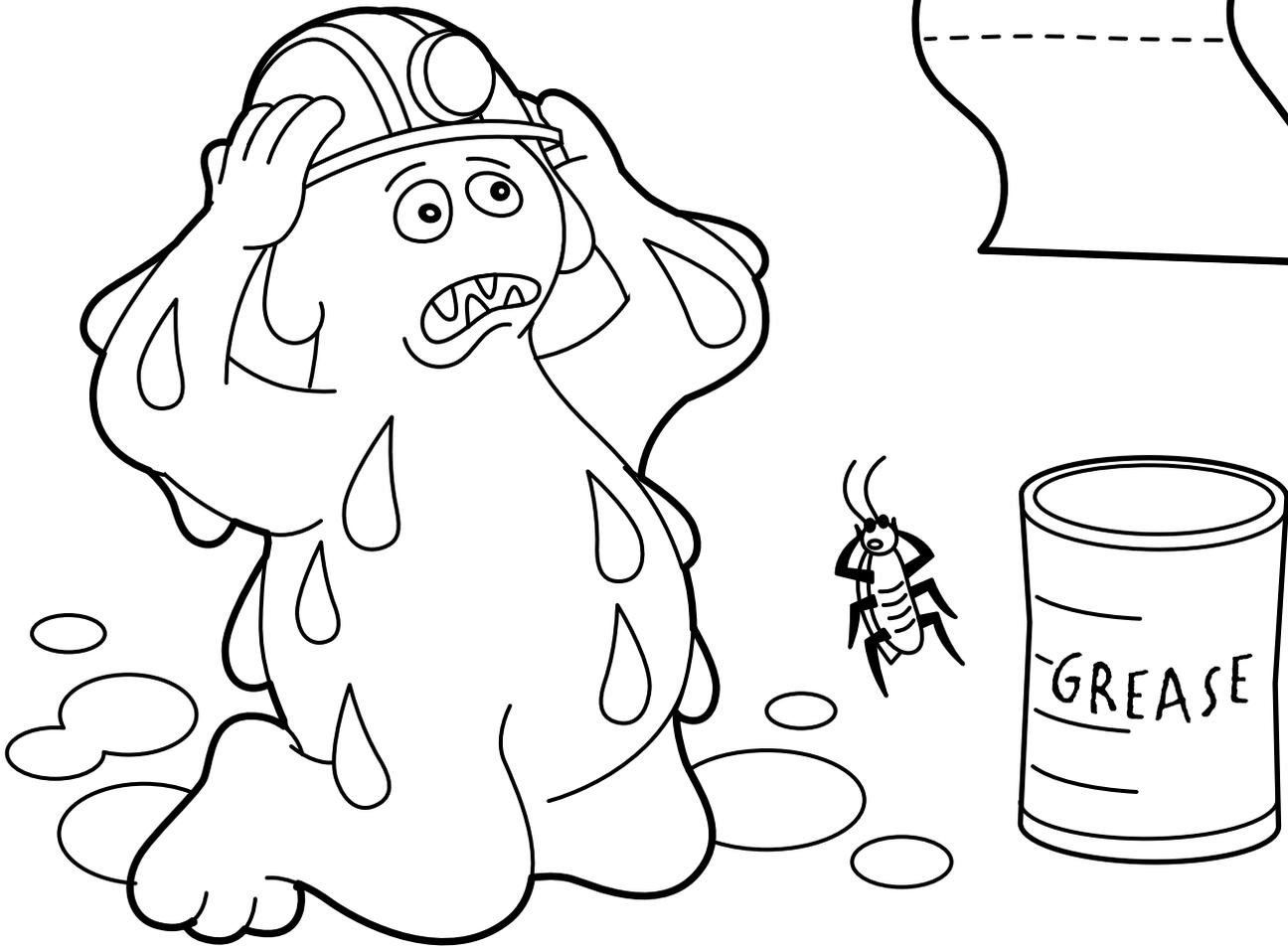


Grease and Roaches!

Freddy FOGmeister and his roach buddies terrorize the community. But there is something that the good people of Pima County can do to combat the disastrous FOGmeister. What could possibly eliminate Freddy FOGmeister?

**It is simple:
a paper towel and a
a tin can!**

That's right- a paper towel and a tin can helps keep greasy gunk out of our pipes!!



Easy ways to fight the FOGmeister:

When Pima County citizens pour grease down the drain, the FOGmeister wins.

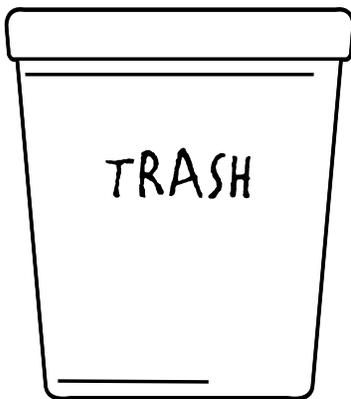
It gives a tasty treat for sewer roaches, and wreaks havoc on our sewer pipes!



You and your family can protect our pipes

and stop the disastrous FOGmeister by pouring your cooled kitchen grease into a tin can.

Wipe your pots, pans and plates with a paper towel before washing them and place the paper towel in the trash!



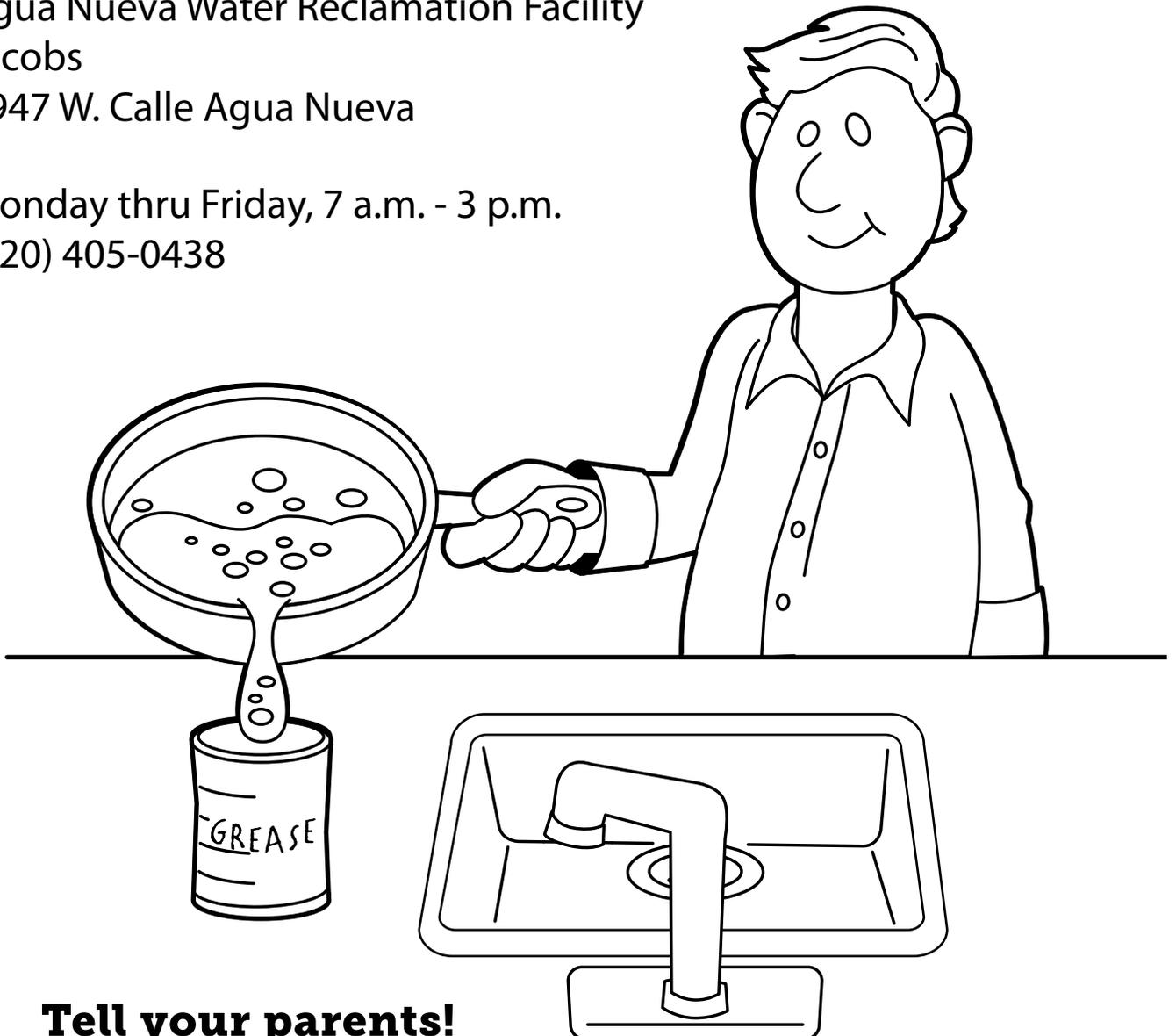
Did you know that used cooking grease can be recycled into biodiesel? Biodiesel is a special fuel for some cars, trucks, and buses that does not pollute our Earth.

You can bring your saved cooking grease in your tin cans to our yearly Grease Collection and Recycling Event? It is always the first Saturday of January every year from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Keep your eyes pinned for our event each year!

You can also bring us your grease at our year round drop off location:

Agua Nueva Water Reclamation Facility
Jacobs
2947 W. Calle Agua Nueva

Monday thru Friday, 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.
(520) 405-0438



Tell your parents!

Wastewater travels to the water reclamation facilities by gravity in the sewer pipes under our roads. It cannot flow properly if sewer pipes are blocked with Freddy FOGmeister.

The wastewater will back up out of the closest manhole or plumbing fixture and can enter your bathtub, sink, or toilet in your home and cause an SSO!

Protect our pipes

by always wiping away grease and bits of food before you wash your dishes.



How you can help combat Freddy FOGmeister:

- 1.** NEVER pour hot or cold grease down your drain.
- 2.** DO NOT flush the grease with soap or hot water down your drain.
- 3.** Wipe away grease from pots, pans, and plates with a paper towel before you wash your dishes!
- 4.** Pour your grease in a tin can, save, and bring it to our yearly event or drop it off at our year round grease collection site.
- 5.** Dispose of greasy paper towel in a trash can.



**For goodness sake,
please don't feed
the roaches!**

Other items to **NEVER** throw down your drain or toilet:

Baby wipes, household wipes and diapers stick to Freddy FOGmeister and make him huge!

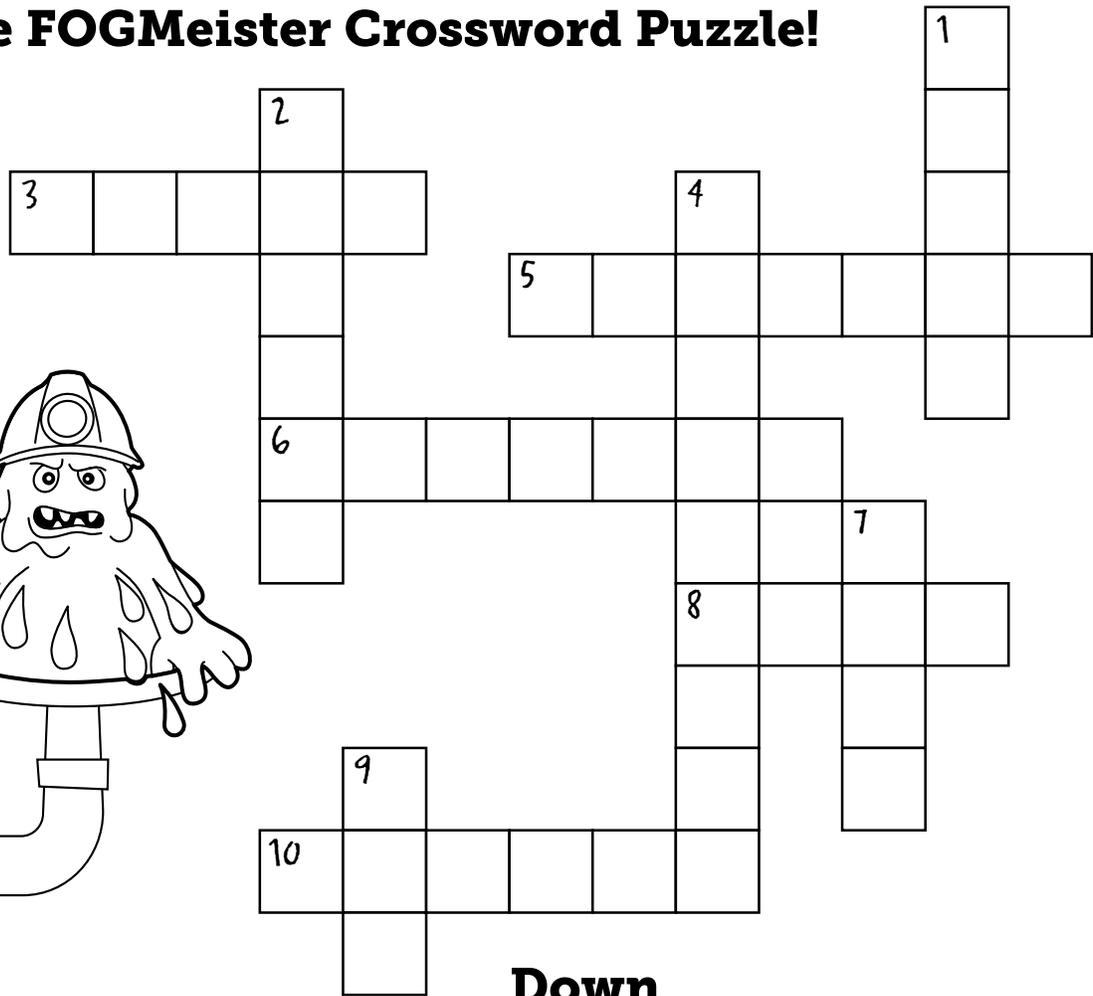
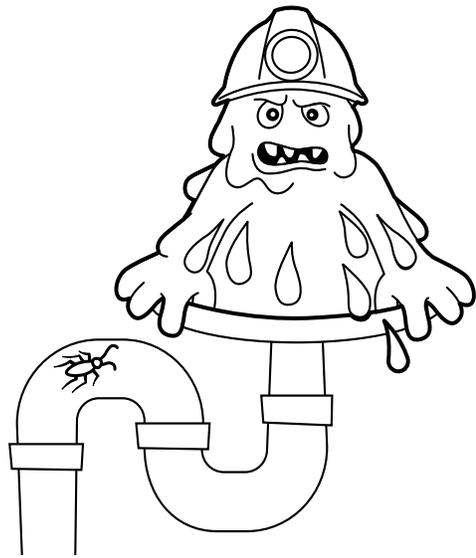
Also, **NEVER** throw toxic chemicals, automotive fluids, solvents, pesticides and medications down your drain or toilet.

These are all very bad for the environment and some of these items can't be removed by the wastewater treatment process.





Solve the FOGMeister Crossword Puzzle!



Across

3. It is _____ okay to pour grease down the drain.
5. You will find the Freddy FOGmeister and his friends the _____ in the sewer at the Sanitary Sewer Overflow.
6. _____ makes sewage flow to the wastewater treatment plant.
8. Grease in the sewer system will _____ sewer lines.
10. Empty cans and paper _____ can help avoid an overflow.

Down

1. There are 3,500 _____ of sewer lines in Pima County.
2. _____ that backs up onto streets is called a Sanitary Sewer Overflow.
4. Keeping food _____ out of the drain is one way to avoid a Sanitary Sewer Overflow.
7. Sewer grease is a roach's favorite _____.
9. The _____ Meister lurks in our sewers.

4. Particles
7. Food
9. FOG

Down
1. Miles
2. Sewage

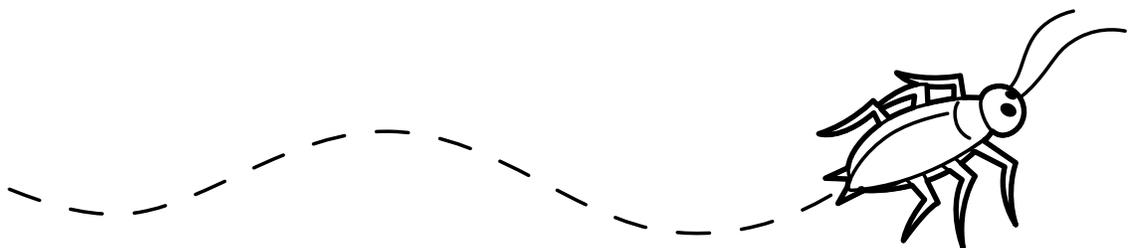
6. Gravity
8. Clog
10. Towels

Across:
3. Never
5. Roaches

Try to find these words in the puzzle below!

Blockages	FOG	Oils	Roach	Toilet
Can	Freddy	Overflow	Sanitary	Towel
Clog	Grease	Paper	Sewer	
Drain	Meister	Pipe	Tin	

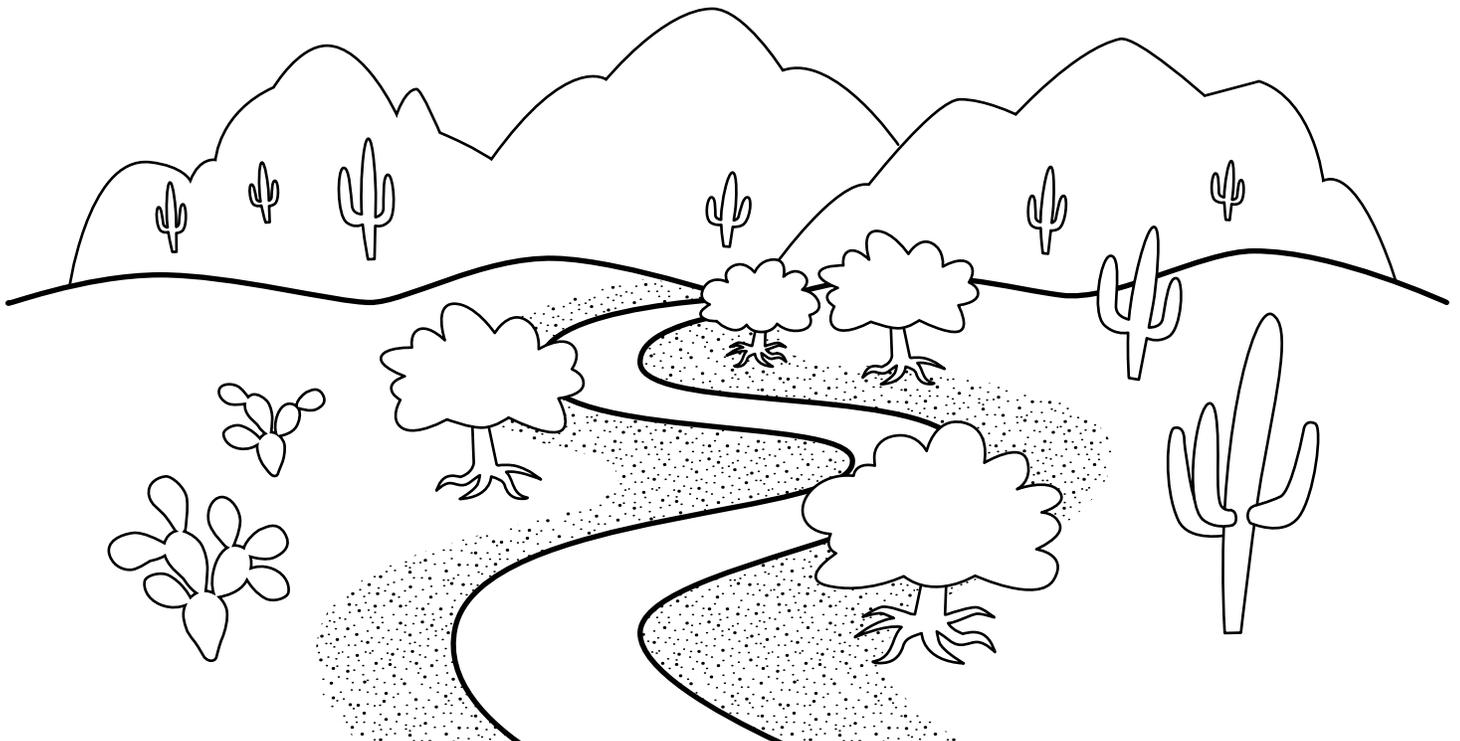
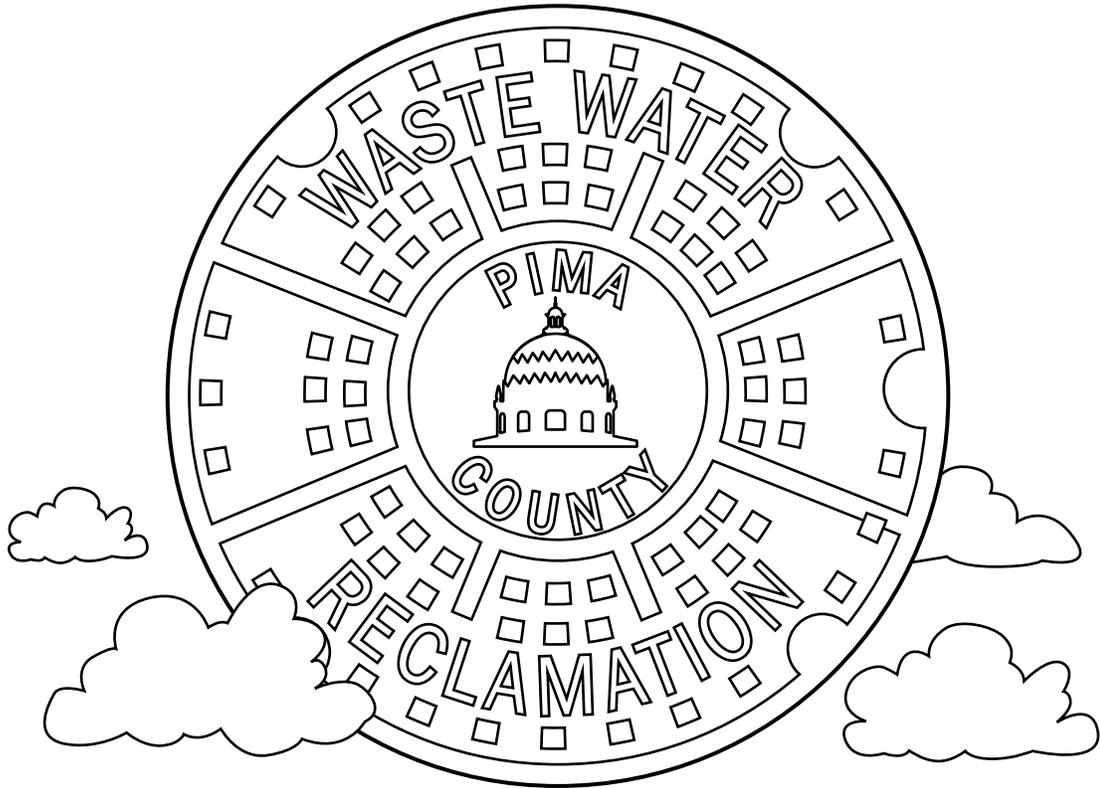
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Protect our pipes!

To learn more about how you can combat
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www.pima.gov/grease





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