

Just for Fun

Crossword Puzzles

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Note to the teacher: These activities that truly are “just for fun” have been included for your use. They can be used to reinforce a particular concept addressed by one of the learning activities. Also, you may find them just perfect to have on hand for the student who finishes an assignment before the others, to use as a homework page to complete with parents, or to add some fun to a rainy day. Enjoy!

Store It, Don't Pour It!

If you dig deep enough, you'll find it. Buried far beneath the surface of the ground is water. In fact, about 50 percent of our drinking water comes from ground water—water found underground in porous rock and soil.

When we pour something poisonous onto the ground, the soil soaks it up. Eventually, it filters through the soil into our underground water supply. Sometimes the poisons have been absorbed by the time the liquids get to the ground-water level. Sometimes they haven't. That's why we need to be careful about how we get rid of our toxic wastes.

Gasoline, motor oil, and many household cleaners should not be poured onto the soil or down the drain. They need to be stored until they can be properly disposed of at a toxic waste collection site. Call your waste management company for more information.

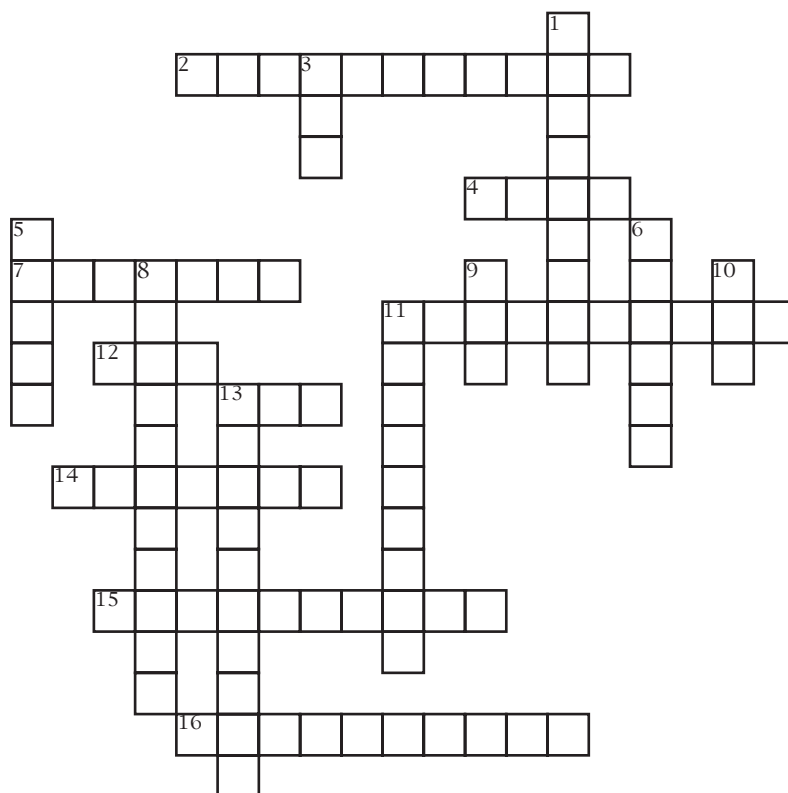
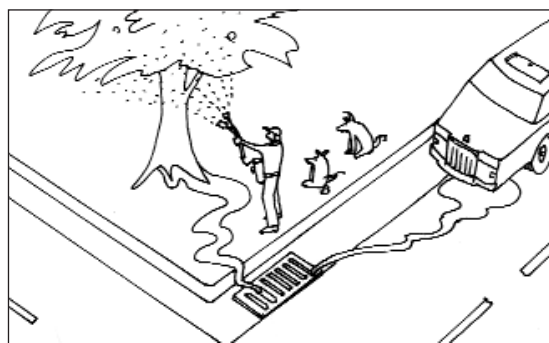
Complete the crossword puzzle below to discover other toxic substances or materials that should not be poured down the drain or into the soil, and that should not be thrown into the trash to be taken to landfills where the toxic properties may filter into the water cycle.

ACROSS

- 2 Kills insects
- 4 What contaminated water might kill first
- 7 Cleaning agent with strong smell
- 11 Helps the car stop
- 12 Atomic Energy Commission (abbrev.)
- 13 Polish for the kitchen floor
- 14 Makes spills on the carpet disappear
- 15 Used in car radiators—especially necessary in winter
- 16 Helps plants and lawns to grow

DOWN

- 1 Products we use to hold or glue things together
- 3 Environmental Protection Agency (abbrev.)
- 5 Covers houses, boats, even bicycles
- 6 Makes furniture shine
- 8 Makes the inside of the oven shine
- 9 Common name for automobile fuel
- 10 Dark liquid that lubricates car engines
- 11 Energy source for flashlights or cars
- 13 Kills dandelions



Are You Natural Gas Wise?

Using the clues below, complete the crossword puzzle to learn how we use natural gas in our homes and ways we can help conserve it.

ACROSS

- 2 Do not _____ in the oven
- 5 Manage or use wisely
- 6 Match this to the flame size when cooking on the natural gas range
- 9 Take a quick _____ instead
- 10 Fix leaky _____
- 12 _____ gas
- 13 Used when doing laundry

DOWN

- 1 Wash these in cold water when possible
- 3 The ability to do work
- 4 The appliance that heats our water
- 7 Lower the _____ in the winter
- 8 Dry _____ loads of clothes in the dryer
- 10 We use it to heat our homes
- 11 We use it to cook food outside

