




## Home Water Map

We use water so often we rarely stop to notice what it took to get it to us. Most of us have at least two places in our homes where we use water, and some of us have many more once we stop to look!

Walk into each room of your house, and think carefully about whether or not you have access to water in that room. Some are easy, like the bathroom, but look carefully and write down every place that water comes into and leaves that room. Here are some places you might not think to look, but again there may be something different in your home:

- Laundry: Does a washing machine use water? Look for pipes connecting it to the wall or a water source.
- Toilets: We know they flush, but again see if you can find the pipes that carry clean water in and dirty water out.
- Dishwasher: They all use water. Is yours near your kitchen sink?
- Garage: Some people have a big sink in the garage for outdoor cleaning.
- Yard (optional): Do you have a hose or sprinklers in your front yard? Back yard?

When you've found all the water sources in your home and have written them down, draw a picture or map of your home, marking all the places where water comes into or leaves your house with a droplet shape .

Follow-up questions:

- How many places in your home does water come in? How many out?
- Where or how do you think you use the most water?
- How does the water get to all of those places?
- Is the water clean when it comes in? When it leaves?
- Where does the water go when it leaves? Could it be used again?

For more information about how water gets to you:

<https://www.ocwd.com/learning-center/how-water-works-in-oc/>

<https://www.mwdoc.com/your-water/#>

And where water goes:

<https://h2oc.org/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ioICID94C8>

