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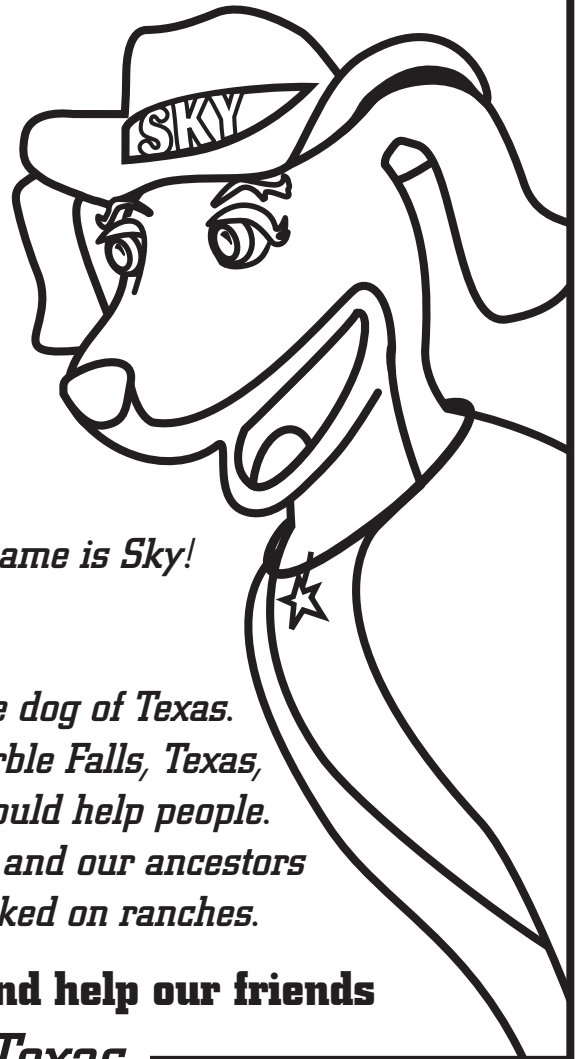


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Hi, I'm River!



And my name is Sky!

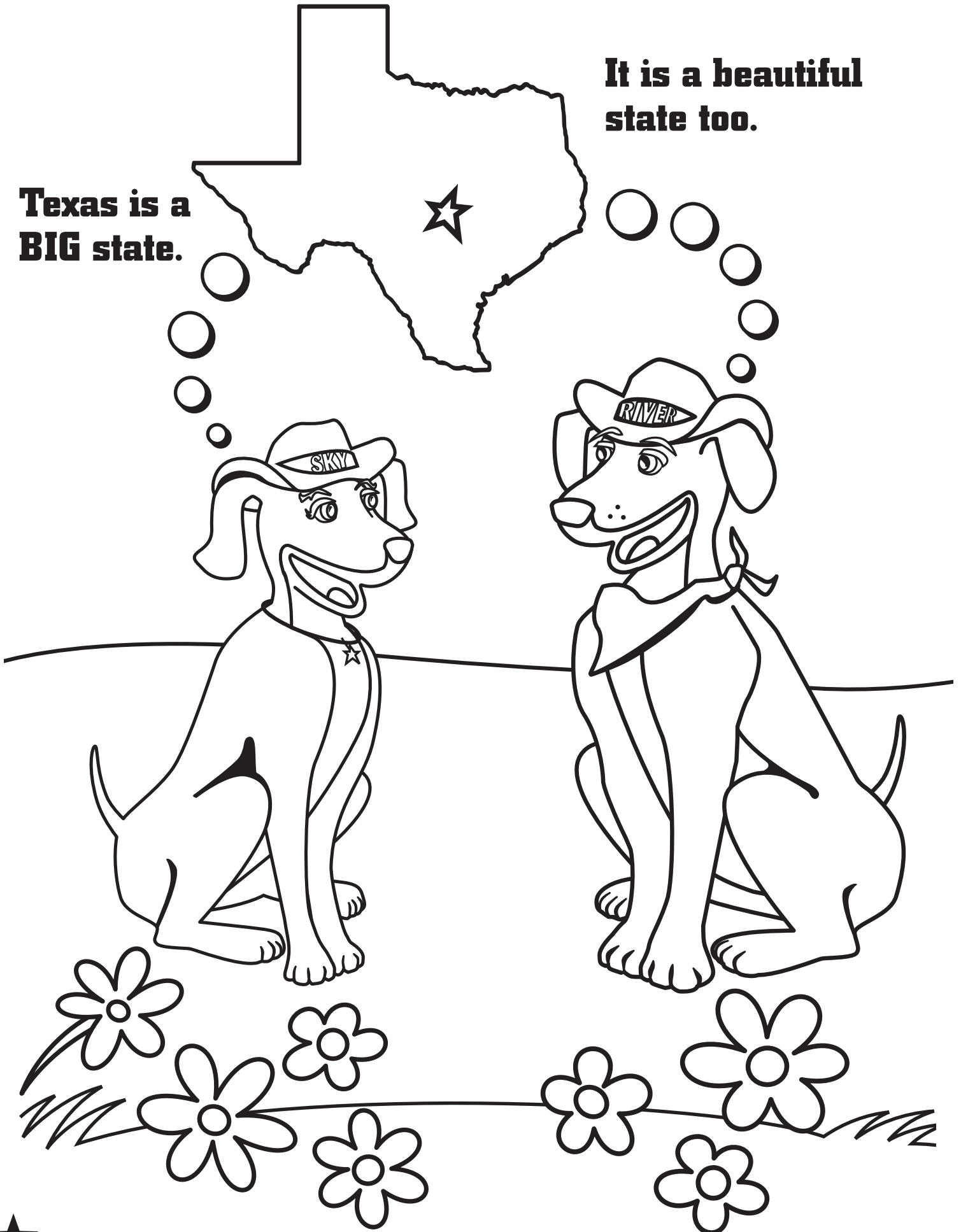
*We're Blue Lacys, the state dog of Texas.
Our ancestors settled in Marble Falls, Texas,
back in the 1800s so they could help people.
Texas Blue Lacys love to work and our ancestors
were herding dogs that worked on ranches.*

**We also like to do our part, and help our friends
*Take Care of Texas.***

Tell us your name

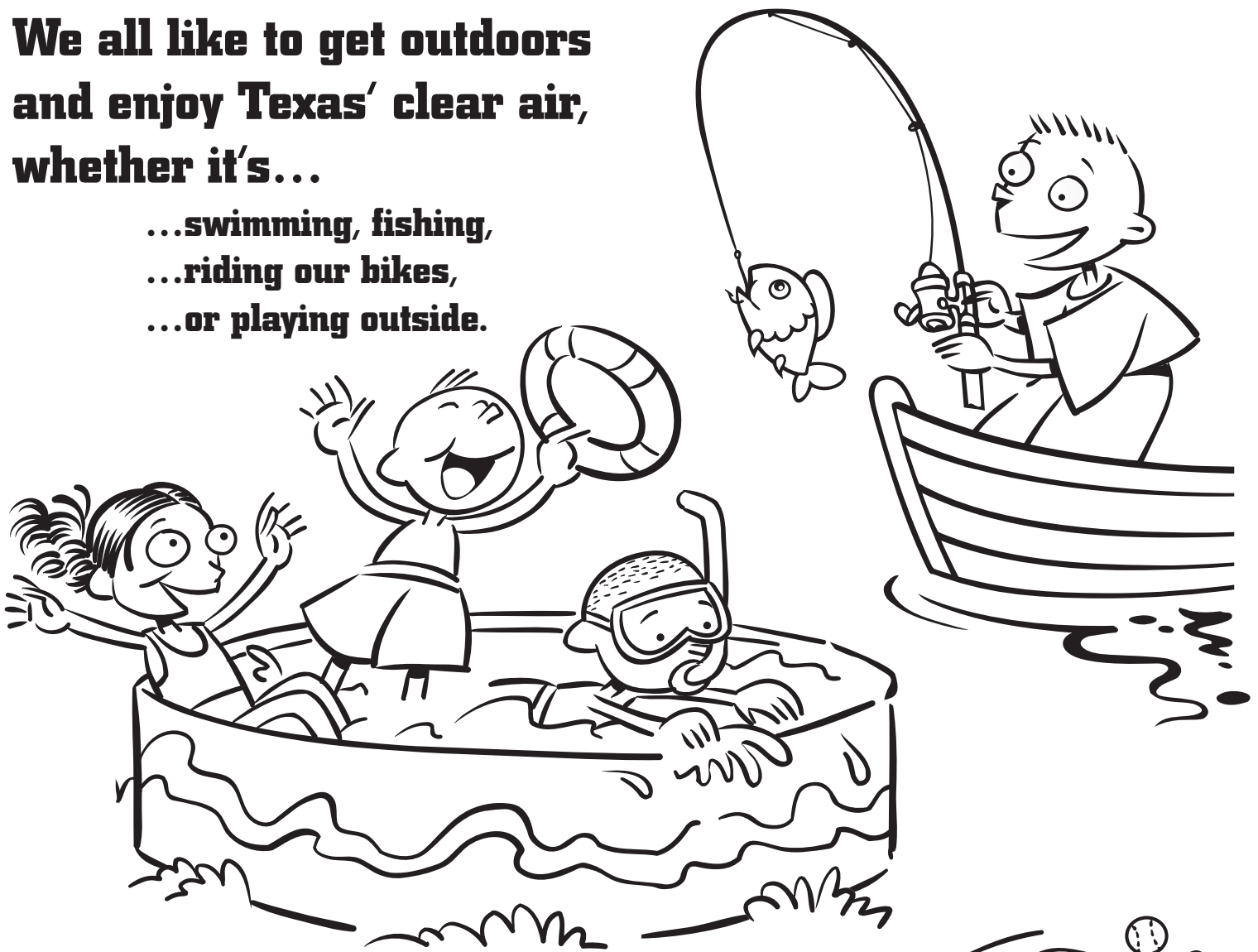
**Texas is a
BIG state.**

**It is a beautiful
state too.**



**We all like to get outdoors
and enjoy Texas' clear air,
whether it's...**

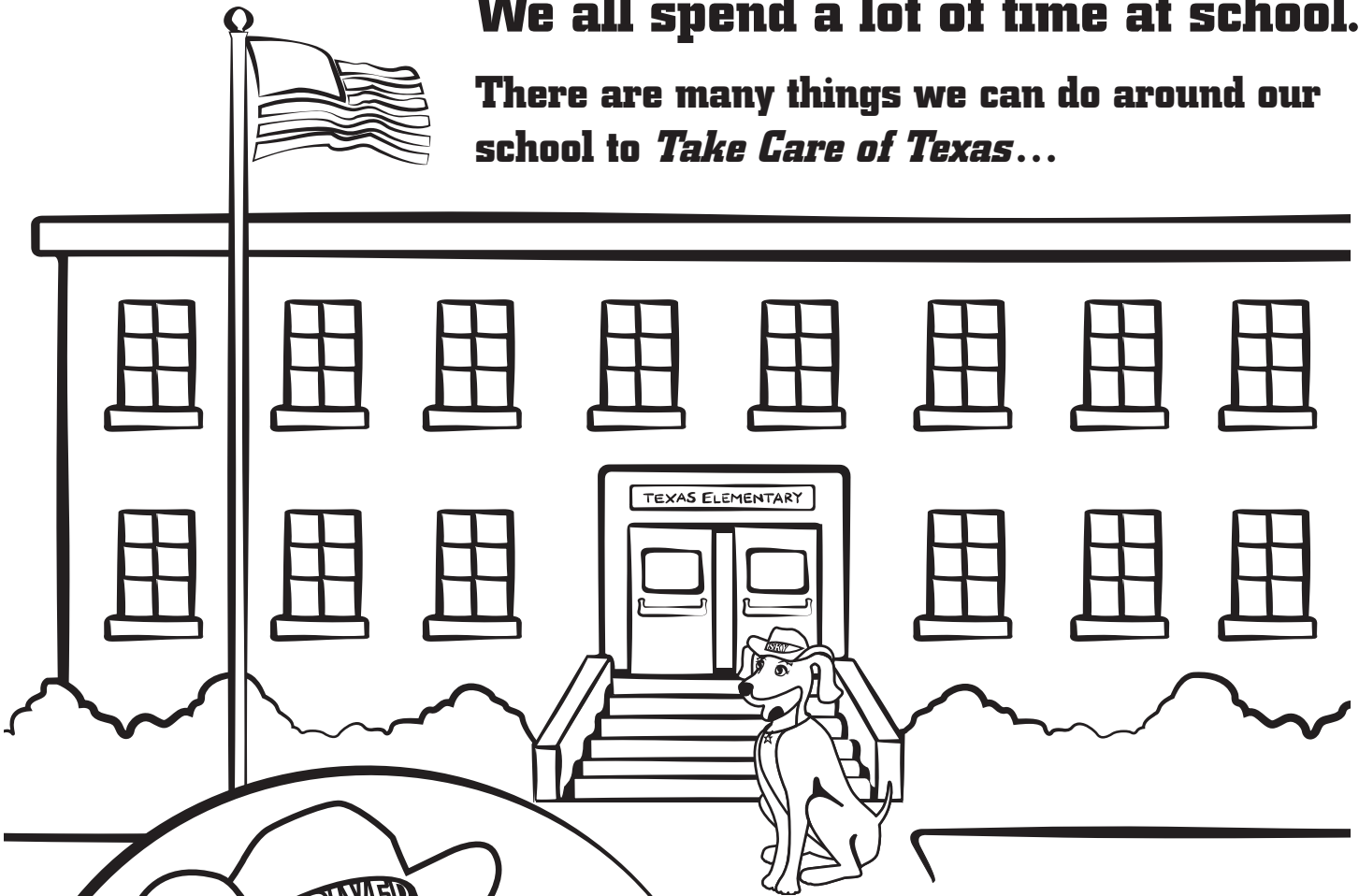
**...swimming, fishing,
...riding our bikes,
...or playing outside.**



**If we want to keep enjoying Texas, we need to
make smart choices every day to *Take Care of Texas!***

We all spend a lot of time at school.

There are many things we can do around our school to *Take Care of Texas*...



When we read and write at school, we use a lot of paper.

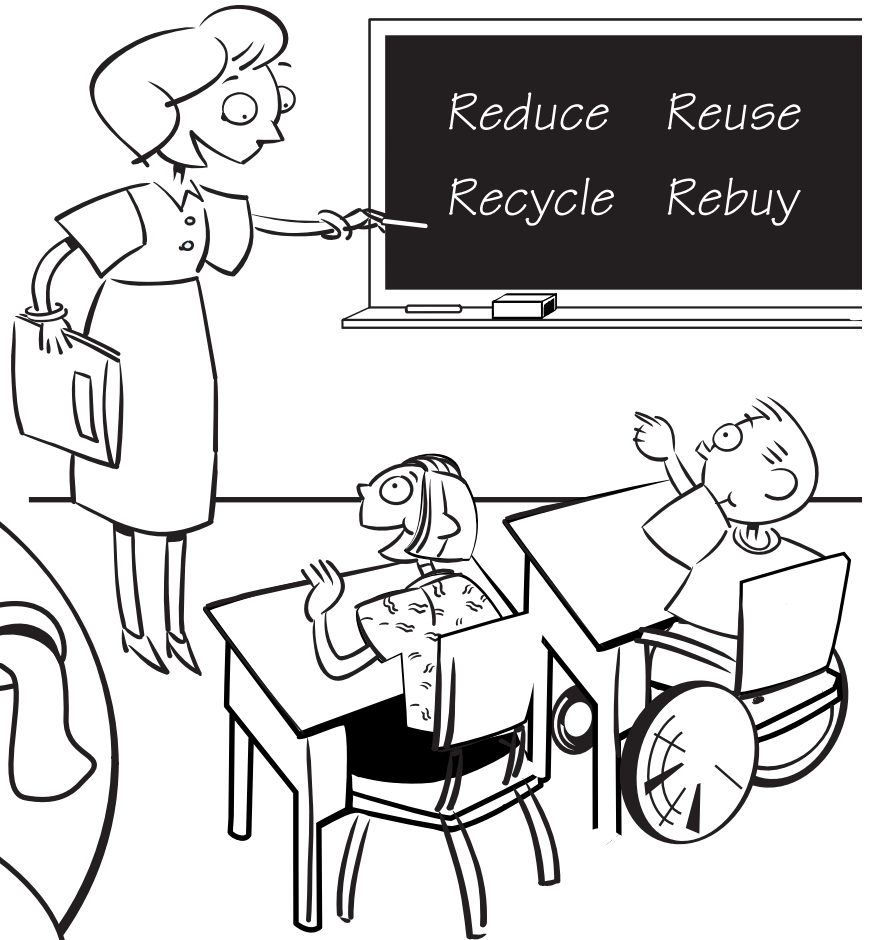


**So we don't waste paper, we can...
...use both sides of a piece of
paper and recycle it instead
of throwing it in the trash.**

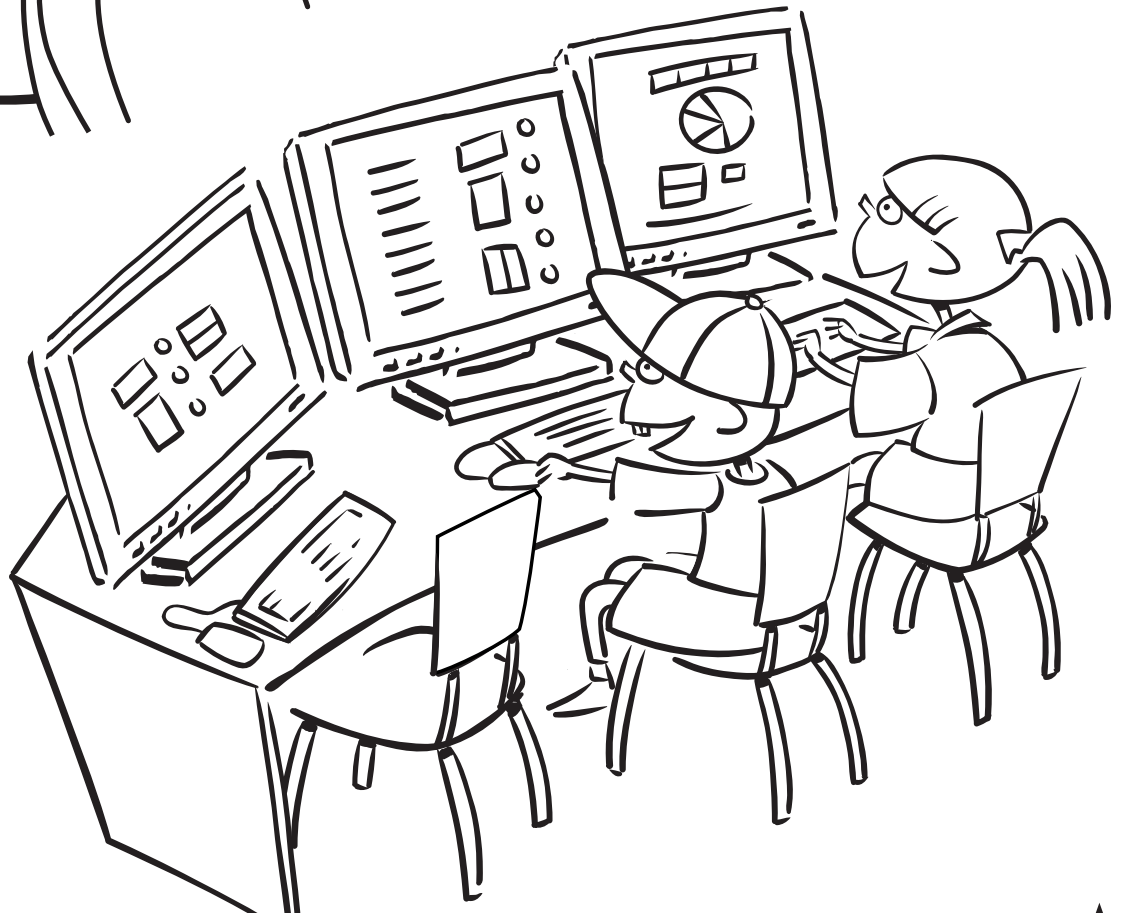


We also use electricity at school.

By turning off lights, TVs, and computers when we aren't using them, we can conserve electricity, which helps keep our air clean.



Activity: Color any computer that should be turned off BLUE and any that should be left on GREEN.



There are many things you can do at your home to help *Take Care of Texas!*

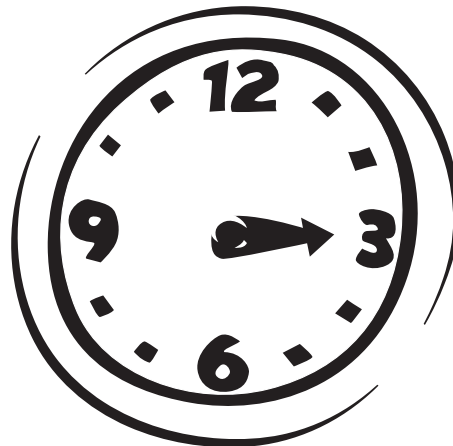
We can use less water and keep it in our lakes, rivers, and streams.



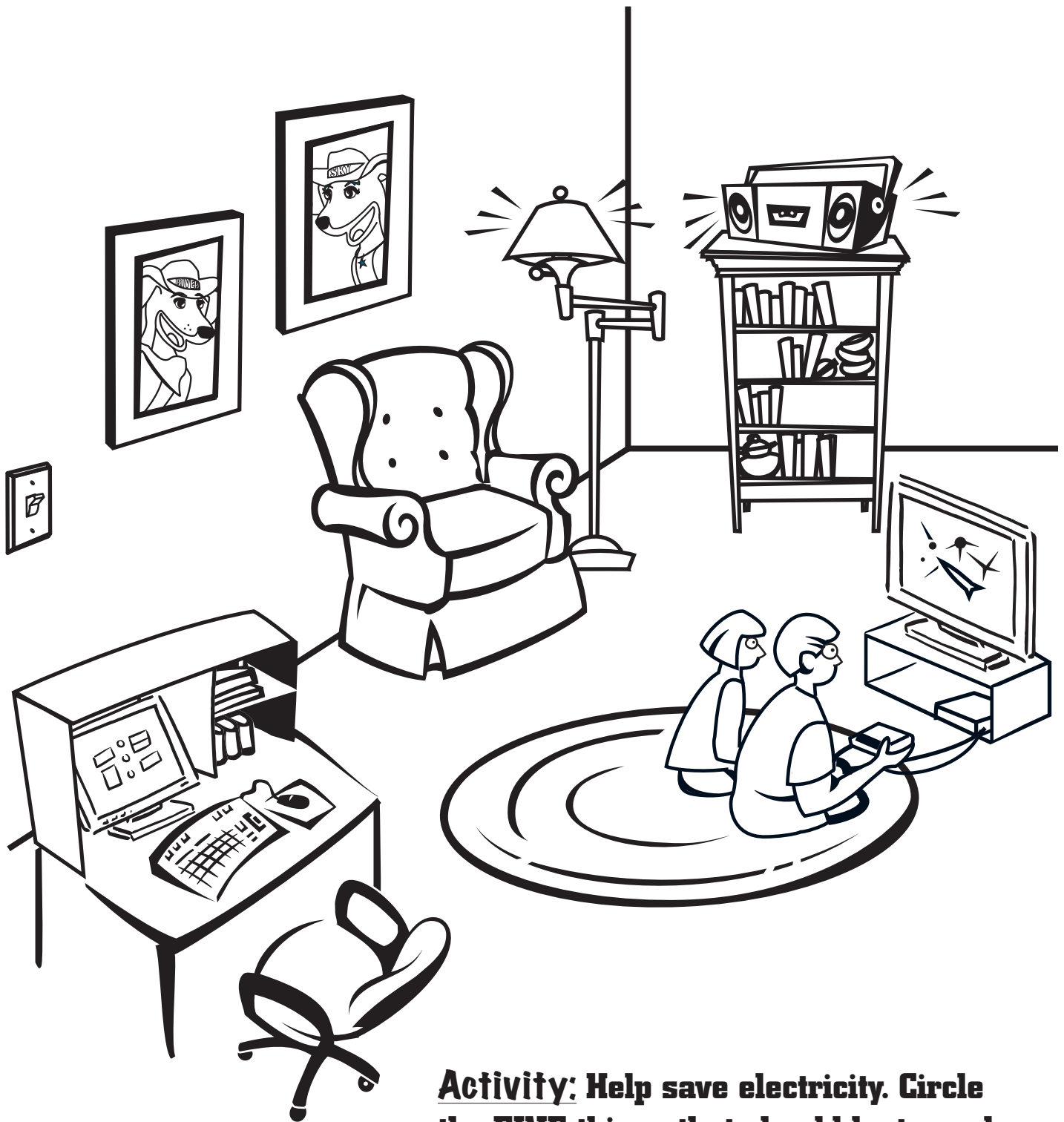
Try to take showers that only last **FIVE minutes.**



Activity: Draw the hand on the clock to show that five minutes have passed.



When you leave a room, turn off any lights, radios, TVs, computers, or video games that you aren't using.



Activity: Help save electricity. Circle the FIVE things that should be turned off when no one is using them.

There are many things in your home that you can recycle and reuse.

Ask an adult if you can share or donate toys, games, books, and clothes you don't need anymore.

Activity: Can you find **SEVEN** items in this room that can be recycled or reused when you don't need them anymore?

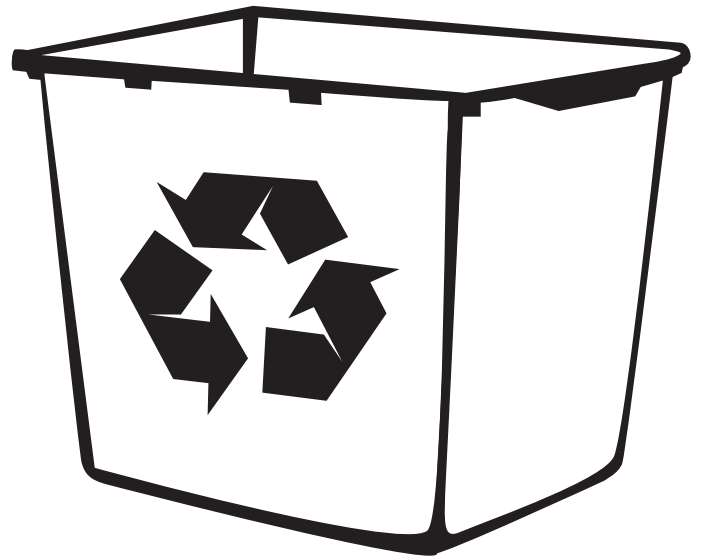


Not everything can be recycled. Leftovers and food wrappers should NOT go in the recycle bin.

Plastic bottles



Activity: Draw a line between the recycling bin and the items that **CAN** be recycled.

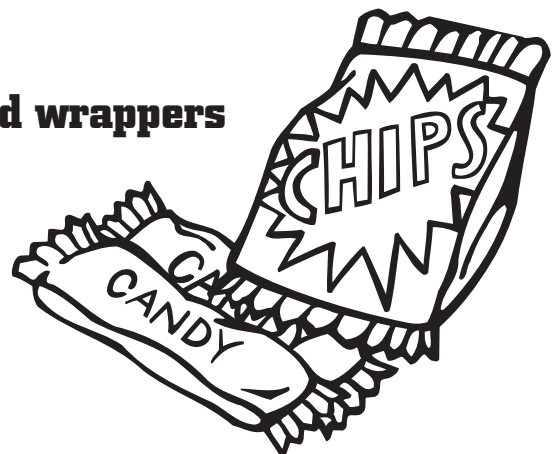


Aluminum cans

Paper



Food wrappers

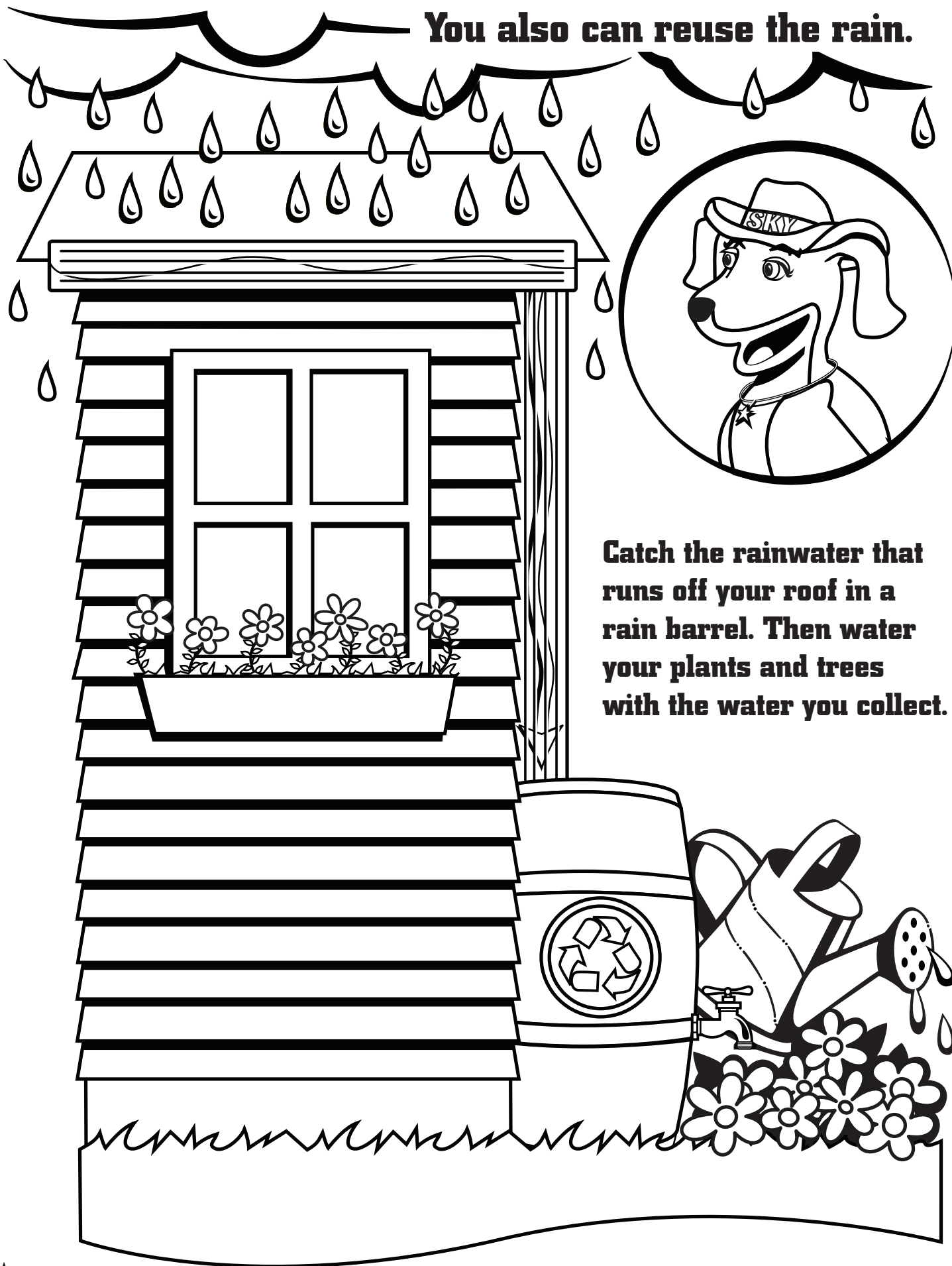


**We can help *Take Care of Texas*
by recycling unwanted electronics.**

**In Texas, you may be able to recycle an unwanted
computer or TV for free. Electronics recycling is easy
and a great way to conserve valuable resources.**



You also can reuse the rain.



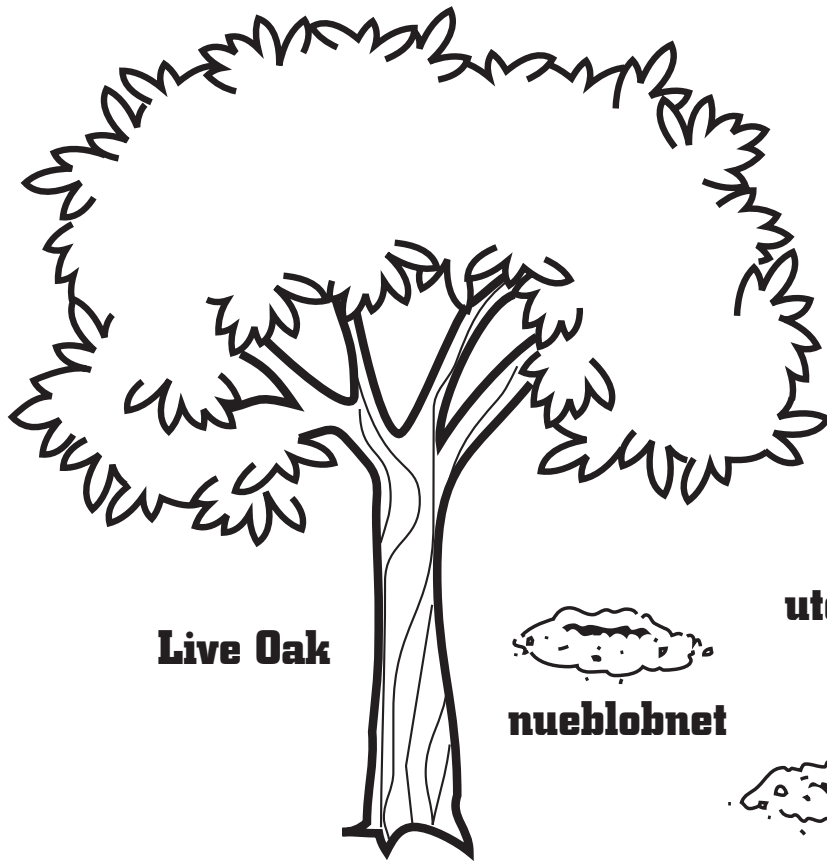
Catch the rainwater that runs off your roof in a rain barrel. Then water your plants and trees with the water you collect.

Trees, flowers, and other plants help make Texas beautiful.

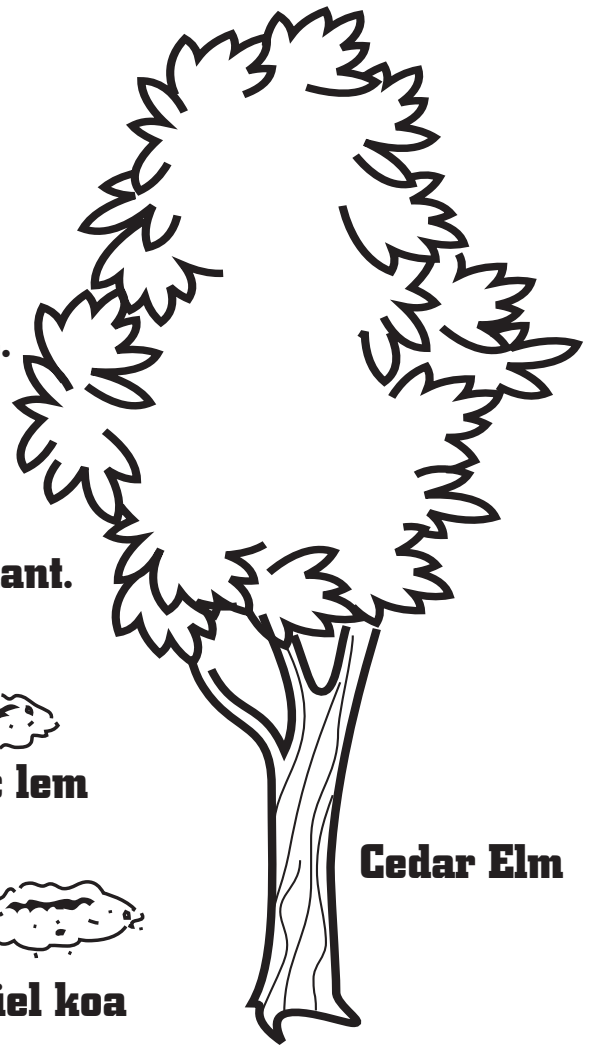
Plants that we know grow easily in Texas, called "native plants," use less water.

Like all dogs, River and Sky like to dig holes.

Activity: Unscramble each word next to the holes they've dug, and then draw a line from the hole to its matching Texas native plant.



Live Oak



Cedar Elm

darec lem

viel koa



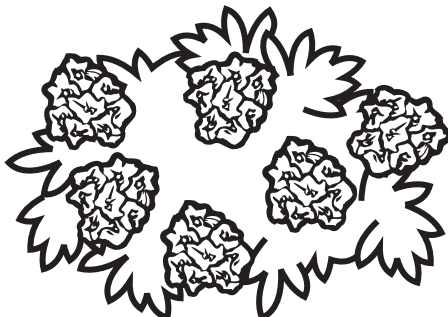
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Mountain Laurel

We can *Take Care of Texas* when we are out and about as well.

By doing our part, we can all keep our communities clean and beautiful!

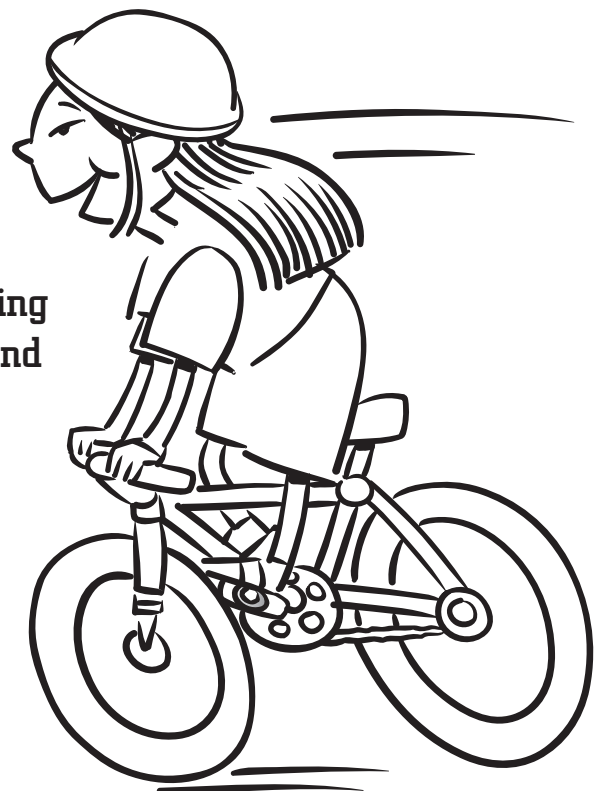


Don't litter.

Throw your recyclables in a recycling bin and your trash in a trash can—never throw any of them on the ground!

Ride your bike.

Instead of riding in the car, try riding your bike for short trips. It's fun, and it helps keep our air clean.



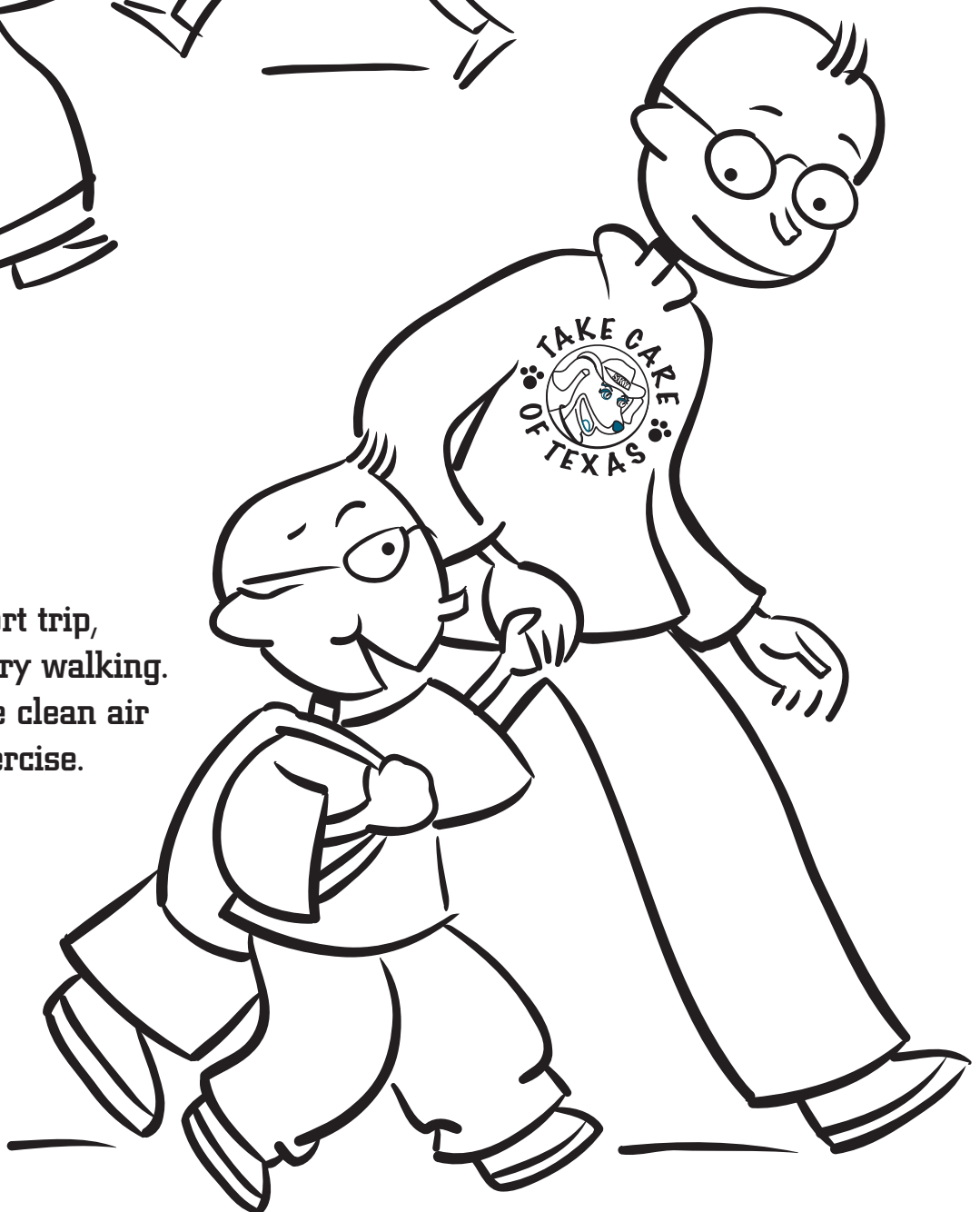


Tell your friends.

Ask your family and friends to help you *Take Care of Texas*. No matter where we live, we can all make smart choices to do our part!

Take a walk.

If it's a really short trip, your family can try walking. You can enjoy the clean air and get some exercise.



How do you *Take Care of Texas?*

Activity: Use this page to draw a picture showing how you and your family *Take Care of Texas!*



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See How You Can Make a Difference

Enter the year you were born at
TakeCareOfTexas.org/make-difference
to check out your impact!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Check out *your impact* on the environment:

What year were you born? **2016**

YOUR FAMILY HAS USED



73,000

GALLONS OF WATER JUST ON SHOWERS IN YOUR LIFETIME (SO FAR)*

*Based on an average of 40 gallons per day for a family of four.



Water covers 71 percent of the Earth's surface, but less than one percent of that is available for human use!

A STANDARD SHOWERHEAD uses
2.5 GALLONS OF WATER PER MINUTE.



A BATHROOM FAUCET generally runs at

2.2 GALLONS OF WATER PER MINUTE.



What you can do:

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Take shorter showers. Reducing a 10-minute shower using a standard showerhead to 5 minutes will save 12.5 gallons of water on each occasion.

Turning off the tap while shaving or brushing your teeth can save up to 2,400 gallons of water a year



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