

Wanda wonders about How we can best support our water and all its sources.

THE **EARTH 1st** WALKER INDUSTRIES **Environmental Messenger** Reduce Our Impacts  
**WORKING NEAR WATER**



HMMM, ANY FERTILIZER, PESTICIDES OR SALT WE USE, ANYTHING WE SPILL... EVEN OUR CAR WASH WATER CAN END UP IN OUR WATER.

MR. KEMP, YOU ARE WORKING ON YOUR CAR VERY CLOSE TO THE CATCH BASIN. ANYTHING THAT GOES DOWN THAT DRAIN ENDS UP IN OUR WATER.

**SUPPORTING Water Health starts with awareness:**

- know where water is – catch basins, maintenance holes, groundwater monitors, wells and ditches all lead to streams, rivers, lakes and oceans
- know how water flows in your work area
- know the weather conditions - rain, sleet and snow melt can all carry pollutants to our water

**Questions**

Where can you find water at your site?

How does stormwater flow at your site?

Where does your stormwater discharge?

What activities do you do that could impact water?

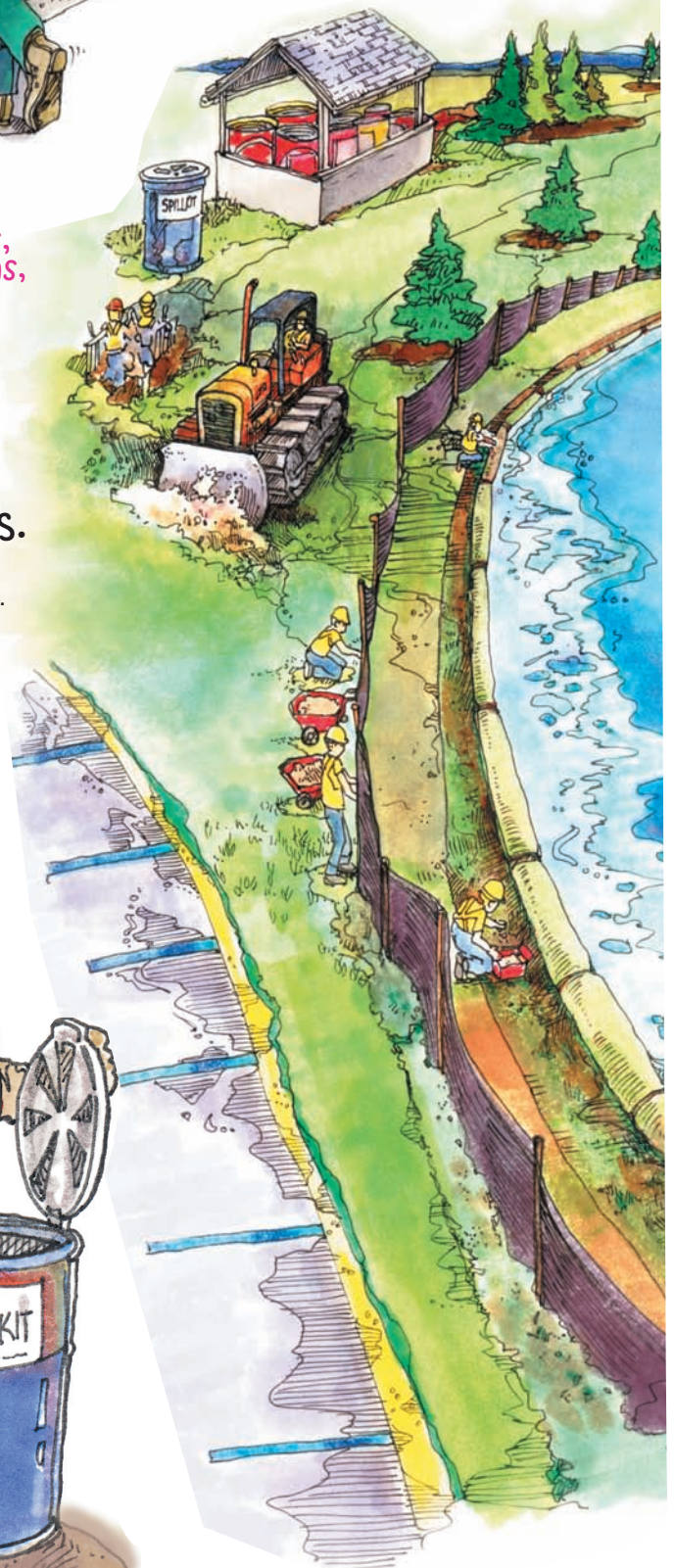
What could you change to better support the health of our water systems?

**protecting our water starts with awareness.**

Think about what you are doing and where you are doing it. Is there water nearby that needs protecting?

**With awareness comes action:**

- maintain buffers between your work and water
- install erosion control when working near water
- manage and handle liquids away from water
- store chemicals and waste away from water
- keep containers covered and sealed
- maintain equipment to prevent leaks to the ground
- inspect your workplace to ensure against releases to water
- take steps to prevent materials from entering water
- avoid the use of fertilizers, pesticides and other hazardous materials



*Tug on anything at all and you'll find it connected to everything else in the universe.* John Muir



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