



# Kenilworth Water Adventure Guide



An activity booklet for water explorers ages 6 – 11.  
Follow the journey of water and bring your bookmark  
design to the Kenilworth Historical Society by  
Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 for a prize!

Inspired by the new exhibit, *Deep Dive: A History of  
Kenilworth's Water Infrastructure and Lakefront*,  
now open at the Kenilworth Historical Society.



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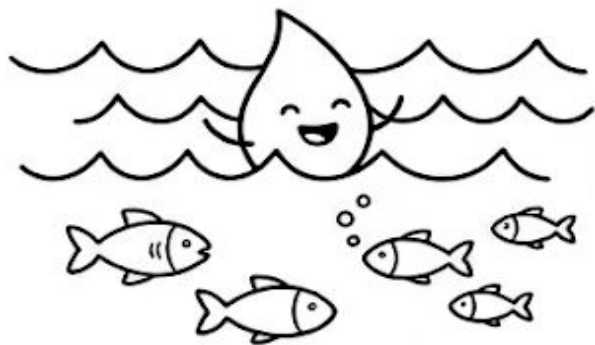
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# Where does our water come from?

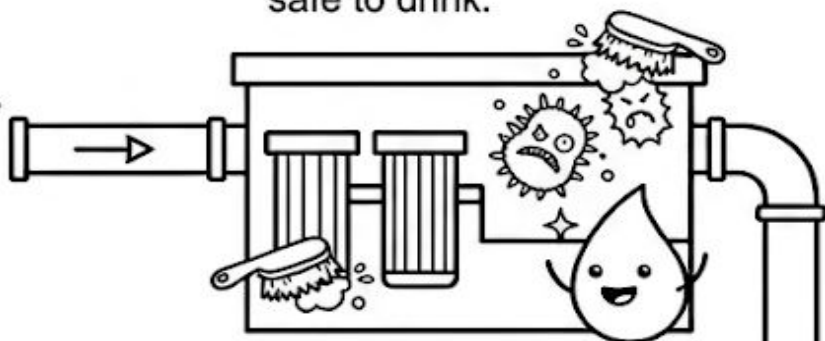
Color the journey of water from Lake Michigan all the way to your home.



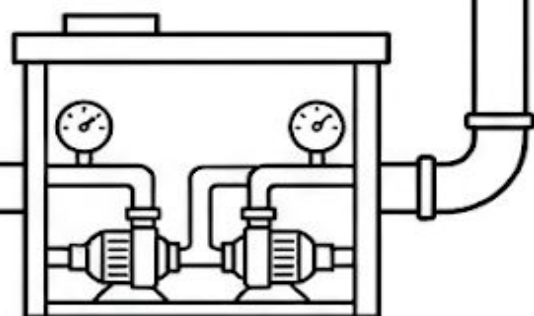
**1 Lake Michigan**  
This is where our water comes from.



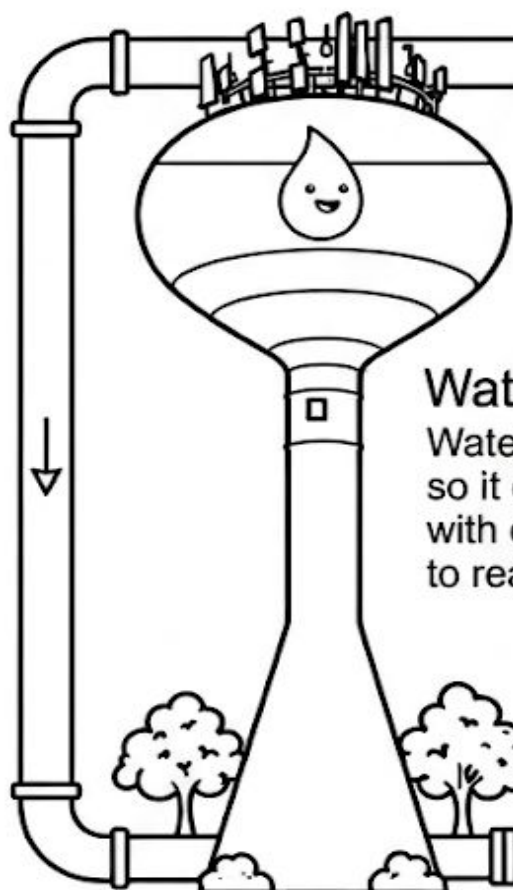
**2 Wilmette Treatment Plant**  
Water is filtered, cleaned, and germs are removed to make it safe to drink.



**3 Water Booster Station**  
Powerful pumps give the water an extra push so it can travel through the pipes.

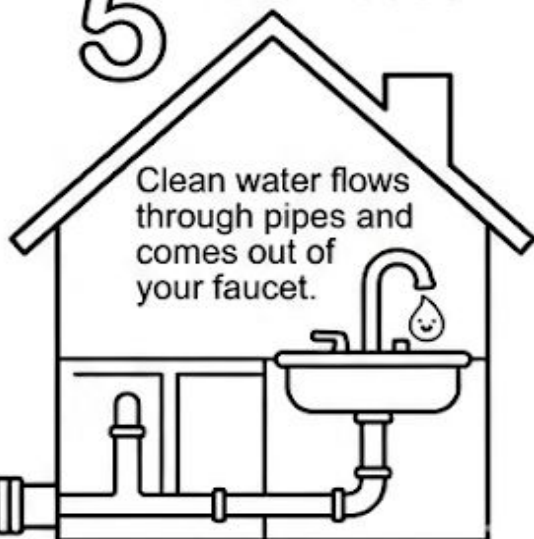


**4 Water Tower**  
Water is stored high up so it can flow down with enough pressure to reach your home.



**5 Your House**

Clean water flows through pipes and comes out of your faucet.


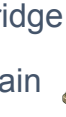


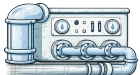



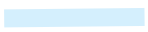
# Find the *Kenilworth* Water Icons

This map highlights important water locations in Kenilworth – see if you can find them all.

Check off each one as you find it:



- Lake Michigan 
- The water tower 
- A Skokie Ditch bridge 
- Kenilworth Fountain 
- The underground water booster system 
- The old water treatment plant (No longer in use. Kenilworth now uses Wilmette's water plant) 

- Trace It: Trace the Skokie Ditch  to Lake Michigan
- Draw It: Find your house location & draw it on the map.
- Connect It: Draw a line from the water tower to your house.



**Did You Know?**  
 Before the Skokie Ditch, heavy rain would turn parts of Kenilworth into a swamp

# My *Kenilworth* Water Promise

Water is one of Kenilworth's most important resources. From Lake Michigan to our beaches and homes, clean water keeps our community healthy, safe, and beautiful.

Even though water is all around us, it's important not to waste it. By making small choices every day, you can help protect our water for everyone!

I promise to help keep Kenilworth's water clean and healthy and not waste it by using water wisely and helping others do the same.

- ✓ I will turn off water when I'm not using it.
- ✓ I will take shorter showers.
- ✓ I will pick up trash when I visit the beach.
- ✓ I will teach my family to save water too!
- ✓ \_\_\_\_\_ (what will you do to protect water?)



Color a star each time you keep your water promise!



\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# Design a Bookmark about Water

Choose a bookmark shape and design it. Try drawing: the Kenilworth Beach, a Skokie Ditch bridge, or the water tower!  
Turn it in at the Historical Society by Sept. 4th for a prize.  
Some bookmarks may be displayed.



Designed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_

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Thanks for completing this water adventure!  
Come visit our exhibit, *Deep Dive: A History of Kenilworth's Water Infrastructure and Lakefront*, currently featured at the Kenilworth Historical Society. Open Tues. & Thurs. 9am - 5pm.