

What is Public Works?

Public Works is the name given to a variety of services that keep York Region running smoothly, safely and sustainably. These include Forestry, Regional Roads, Transit, Waste Management and Water.

Public Works employees provide valuable contributions in planning, building, managing, and operating our communities, including designing roads, reducing waste, treating drinking water and managing our forests.

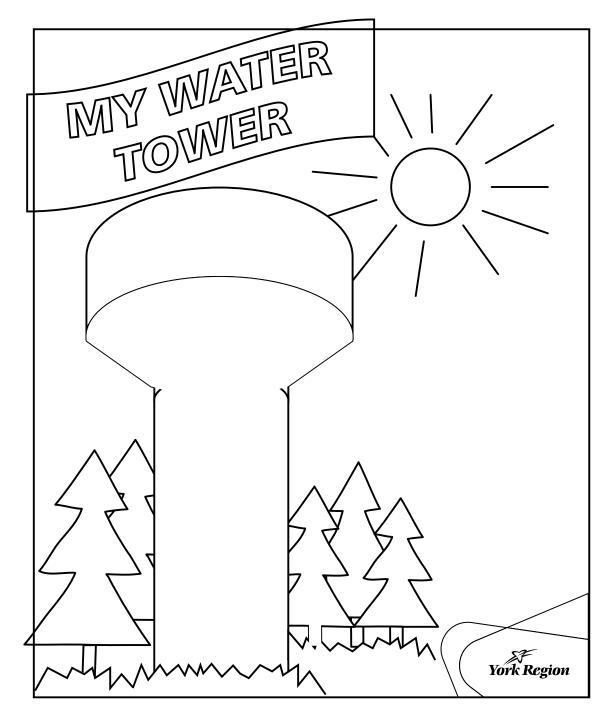
There are more than 800 professionals employed in our Public Works department. Together, we are committed to providing safe, reliable, and cost-effective services every day to residents and businesses across the Region.



Water Tower Colouring Page

Water towers are one of the most visible parts of the entire water system. They act as storage tanks, keeping clean water safe for use, and also provide pressure using gravity to help move water to homes, schools and businesses. In addition, they also hold a large supply of water in case of emergencies such as fires. Can you locate a water tower in your neighbourhood, city or town?

If you could design a water tower in your neighbourhood, what would it look like? Colour the image below.

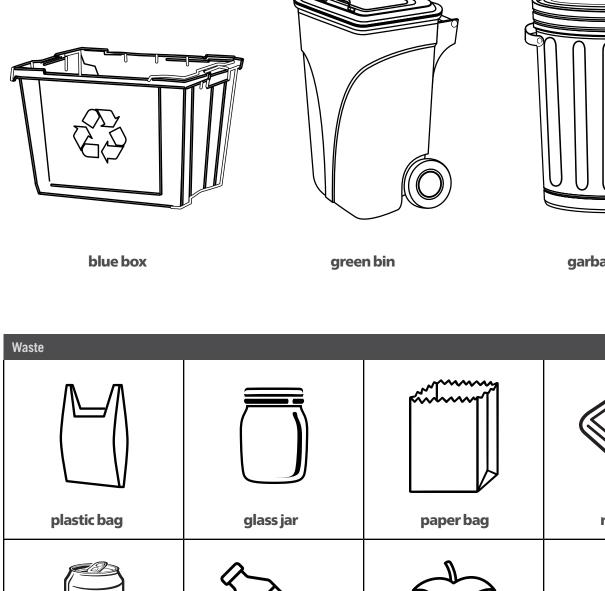


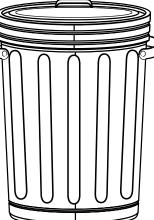
Water is stored in the tank at the top of the water tower. The tower itself is not filled with water. It has cables, electrical wiring and monitoring devices inside and also stores equipment like ladders.

The Waste Sorting Game

Instructions:

Do you know what goes in the blue box, green bin and garbage? Colour the pictures, then draw a line from each item to the correct bin.





garbage bin



Repurposed Items Craft

Instructions:

Create your own community! Design and decorate buildings using toilet paper rolls and/or small boxes. Put all the completed buildings together to create a small community.

Materials required: Toilet paper rolls and/or small boxes (eg: boxes from pudding, macaroni and cheese, soup mix, etc), construction paper, glue sticks, tape, paint, paint brushes, markers, scissors

Step 1: Decorate the exterior.

Step 2: Add doors and windows by painting or drawing them onto the building. You can also draw these on squares of construction paper and then tape or glue them on.

Step 3: Create a roof for each building using a piece of folded construction paper. You can draw on shingles with pens or markers. Attach them to the buildings with tape or glue.

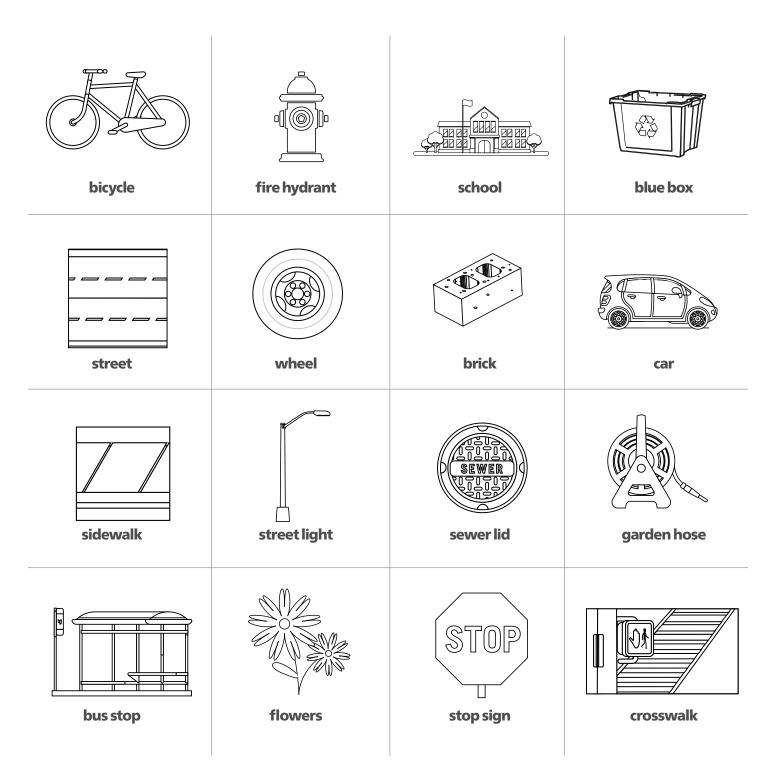
Town Buildings		
House	School	Shopping mall
Office building	Skyscraper	Water treatment plant
Bus garage	Fire station	Hospital
Restaurant	Library	



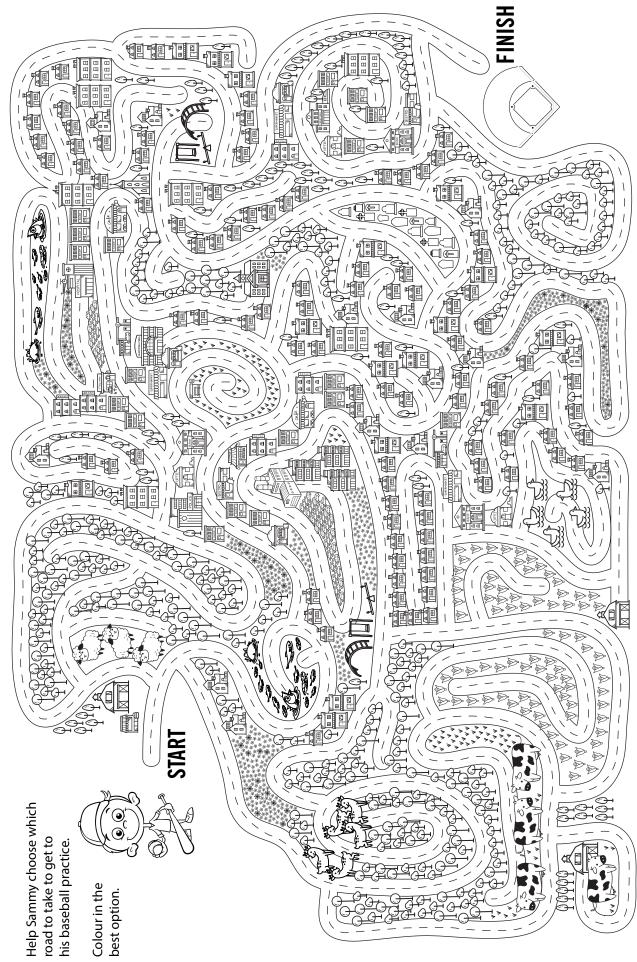
Great Outdoors Scavenger Hunt Bingo

Instructions: Go for a walk and see what you can find! Put an "x" on each item you see in your community. Once you have four items in a line, either up/down, across or diagonally, yell "Bingo".

Additional discussion questions: With your family or friends, discuss who in your community uses or supports the use of the items on your scavenger hunt. For example, the bricks would be used by builders to construct important buildings like your school – what other buildings use bricks? What is the role of those buildings in your neighbourhood? Pick other objects on the list that you would like to discuss.

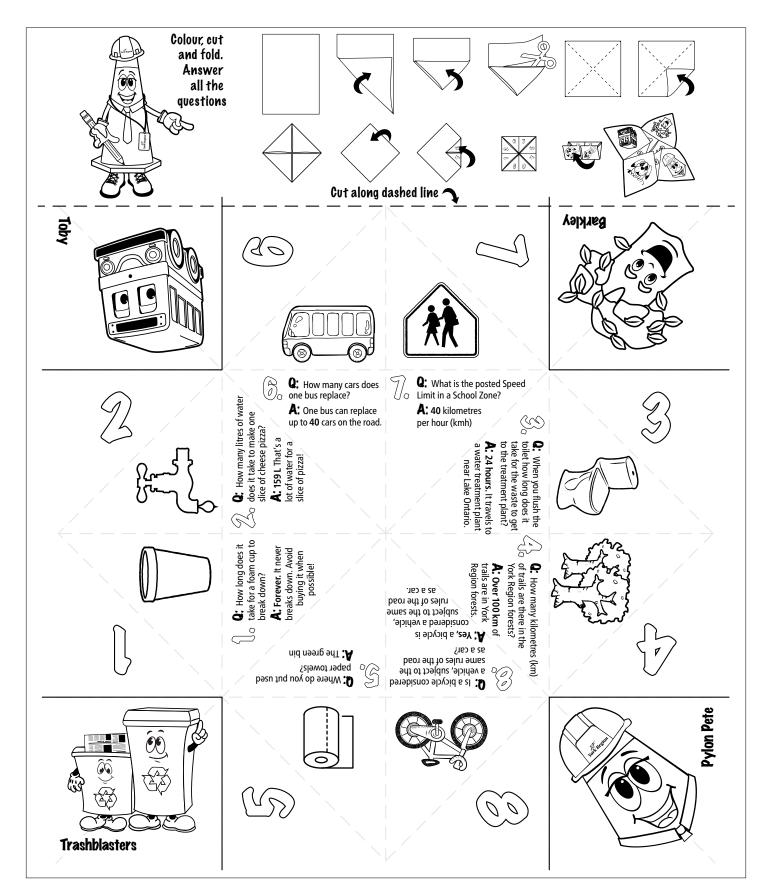


A-Maze-ing Transportation



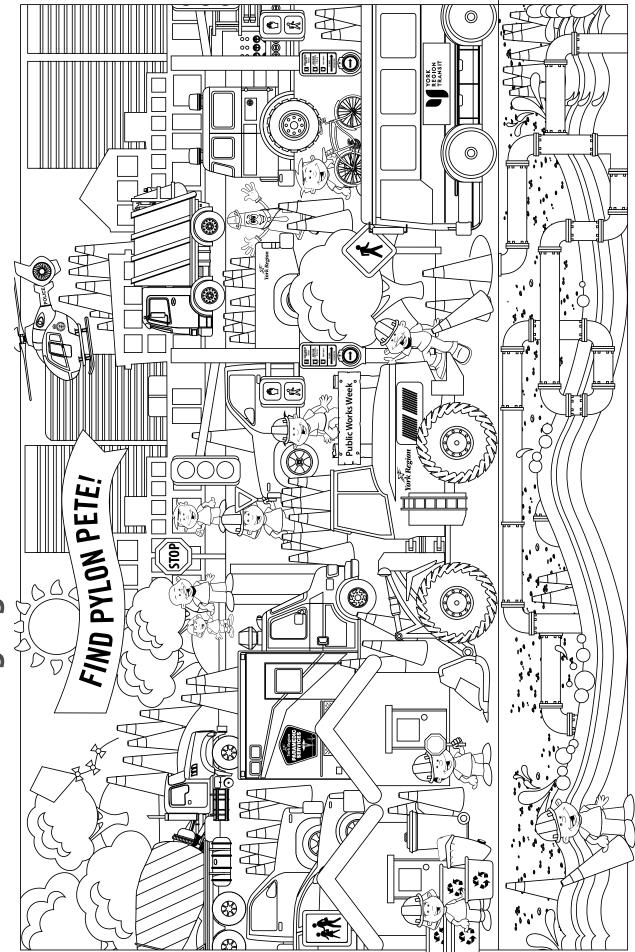
Connect the Dots Connect the dots in numerical order to complete the image. 30 29• 1 28**•** 27 • 2 26• •3 25 24, 23• 6 21 • 19 17 ¹⁵ 22• • 7 20 13 18 16 •9 11 The black-capped chickadee lives in forests throughout North America. It has a very recognizable song. You can listen and identify them when you hear "chick-a-dee-dee-dee" or "fee-bee-bee". Protecting trees and forests helps provide food and shelter for birds and animals.

Fortune Teller





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Nature Hunt

Here's how it works: Use your senses (see, hear, touch, smell) to discover nature!

Draw your discoveries in the boxes below.

Something fuzzy	A pinecone or acorn
An insect	Something rough
Two different types of leaves	Something that makes noise
Something green	Something that you think is beautiful



Environment Word Search

Find all of the hidden words.

ANIMALS BLUEBOX COMPOSTER CONSERVE ENERGY ENVIRONMENT				FOREST GREENSPACE HABITAT HIKING LIGHT LITTER			POLLUTION PROTECT RECYCLE REDUCE REUSE SOLAR				TRAILS TREES WASTE WATER WIND YORK REGION				
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My parents don't move firewood from one location to another. It could carry problem bugs and tree disease that could hurt the health of other trees.

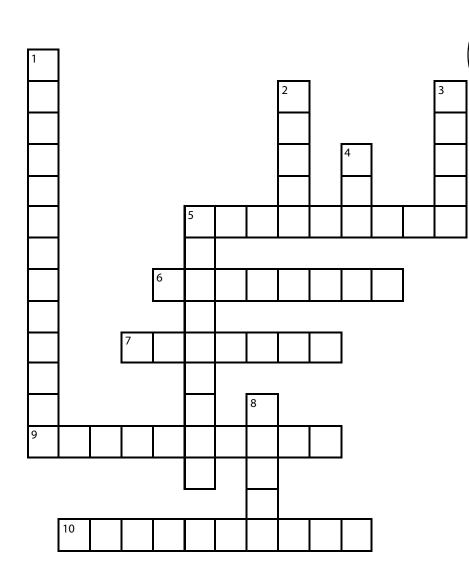
My parents buy all of our firewood at the place we are going to use it.

Help me solve

this crossword

puzzle.

Transportation Crossword



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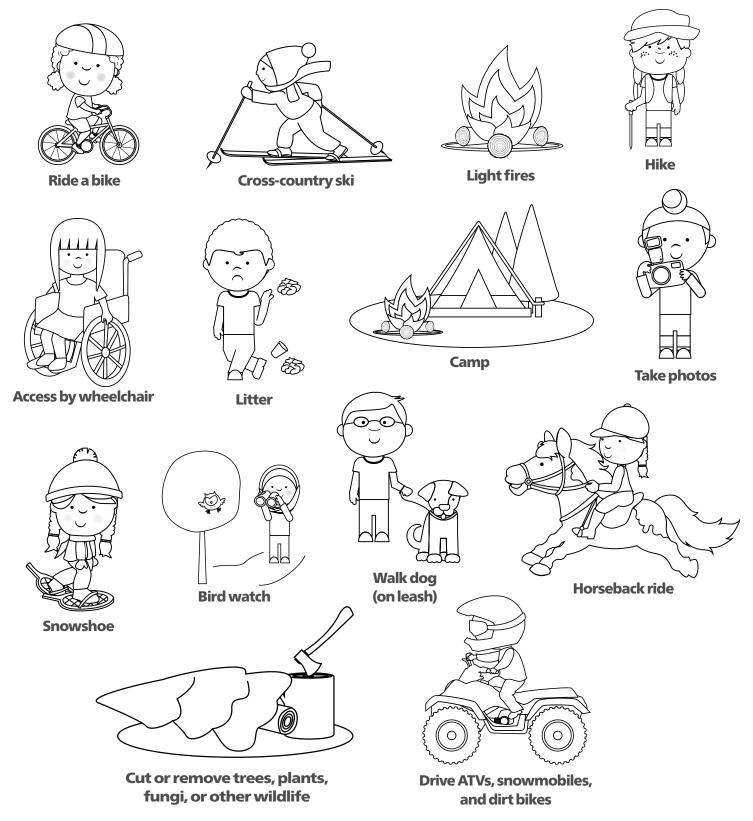
- 1. A set of signal lights used to control traffic at intersections.
- 2. This is an orange cone marker that directs traffic away from road workers.
- 3. This is the colour on the signal light that means go.
- 4. The colour that means stop.
- 5. A lane marked on the street where people can cross safely.
- 8. The colour on a signal light that means yield (approach with caution).

ACROSS:

- 5. The part of the walk signal that tells you how much time you have to cross the road safely.
- 6. Holes formed in the pavement.
- 7. This is an area for passengers to get on and off the bus.
- 9. A posted sign that tells you how fast you can drive.
- 10. A person who travels on foot.

Help Protect the York Regional Forest

Circle nine things you are allowed to do in the forest.



If you would like to learn more about the York Regional Forest trails and rules, please visit york.ca/YRF

Answer Key

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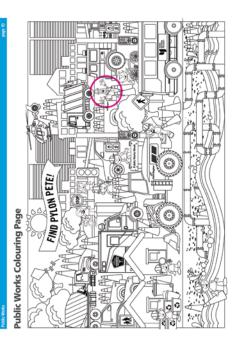
- Blue box: glass jar, newspaper, soda can, plastic bottle, clean paper bag
- Green bin: apple core, dirty paper bag
 - Garbage: plastic bag, broken toy

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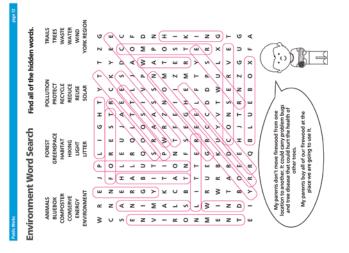
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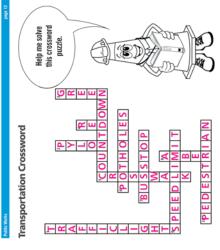
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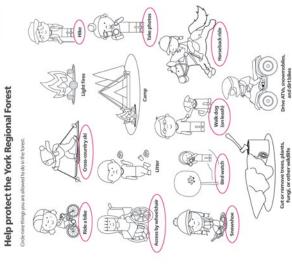


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