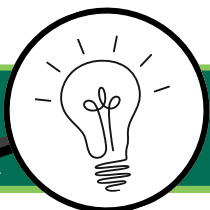


WATER VOCABULARY



BUFFER STRIP	a grassed strip in areas of cropland that are subject to erosion
CONSERVATION	the protection of all the living and non-living things found in nature
COVER CROP	a crop planted to prevent soil erosion and to keep nutrients in the soil
CONTAMINATE	to make dirty, polluted, or not usable
EROSION	the process in which the surface of the earth is worn away mostly by the action of wind and water
LIMITED RESOURCE	a fixed amount of a natural resource on Earth
PESTICIDES	mixtures of different chemical substances that are meant to prevent, destroy, or control pest populations (like weeds, fungi, and insects) that may cause damage or spread disease
TOPOGRAPHY	the physical features of an area of land, such as mountains, rivers, lakes, and valleys
WATERSHED	an area of land that water from surrounding areas flows through on its way to a body of water, such as a stream, lake, or ocean
WATER QUALITY	the measurement of the healthiness and cleanliness of water



Knowing the proper words and their definitions allows us to communicate more clearly about a topic! Use these vocabulary terms when discussing this topic.