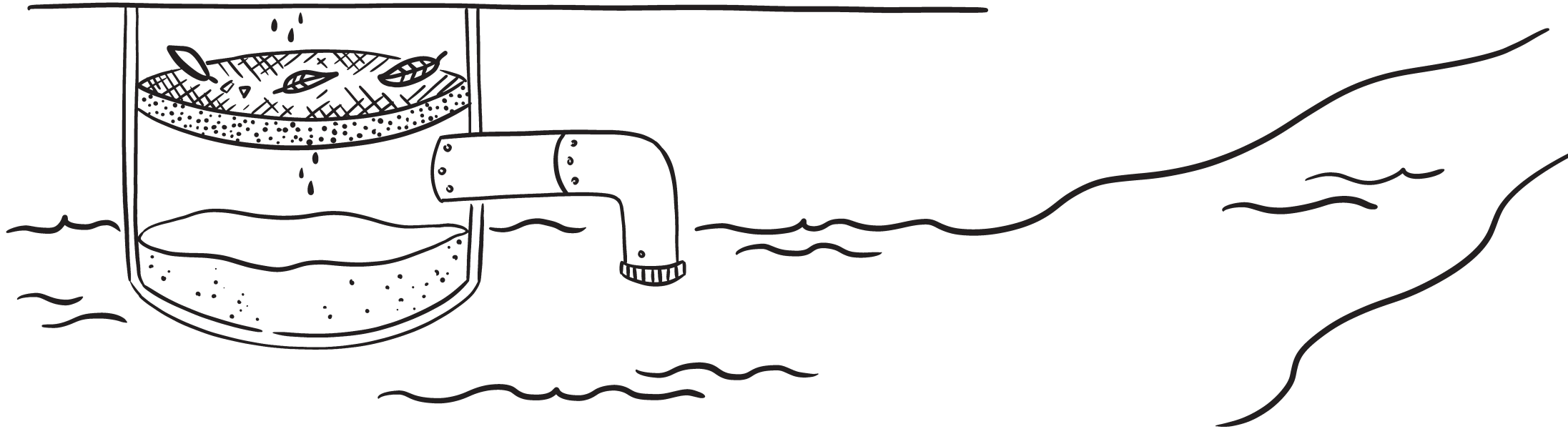
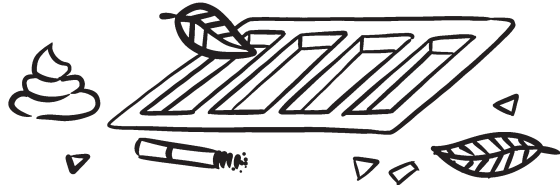


WHAT DOES THE RAIN WASH DOWN THE DRAIN?





! Clean rainwater

When it rains, water washes down the drains – taking with it everything else on the street: leaves, dog excrement, trash. And tiny plastic particles we can't even see with our eyes. They are called microplastics and can be found in everything from cigarette butts to pieces of rubber from car tires and bits of trash. Once they are in the wastewater, there is no way to filter them out – they eventually end up in oceans and rivers, where they harm animals, plants and us humans. That's why scientists have developed special screens that filter water from drains in various stages before it reaches the sewage pipes. First the coarse dirt and then the very fine particles. The more thoroughly the water is filtered, the cleaner it is.

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