Where Does Water Go in a City?

A drainage system carries rain and melted snow out of the area. How many of these parts of the system can you find in your neighborhood?

- Slanted roofs shed water.
- Rain gutters collect the water.
- Downspouts carry the water to the ground.
- Water on the street flows downhill into street gutters, the place where the sidewalk and the street meet.
- Street gutters carry water to storm drains that let water fall beneath the street.
- The grates on storm drains stop large objects (and people!) from falling in.
- An underground pipe carries water out of a city or town.
- The water pours into a large waterway—a lake, river, or sea.