

# The Hydrologic Cycle

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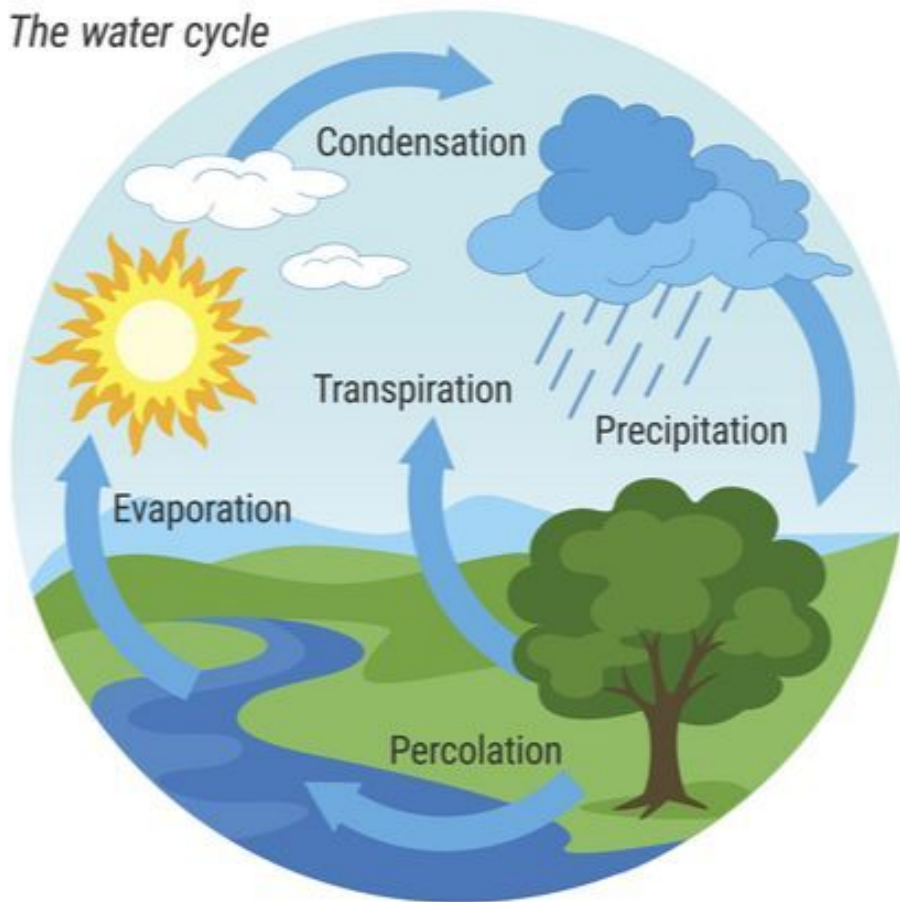
What is the Hydrologic Cycle?

# The Hydrologic Cycle is . . .

Earth's water is always in movement, and the natural water cycle, also known as the hydrologic cycle, describes the continuous movement of water on, above, and below the surface of the Earth. Water is always changing states between liquid, vapor, and ice, with these processes happening in the blink of an eye and over millions of years.

-USGS

*The water cycle*

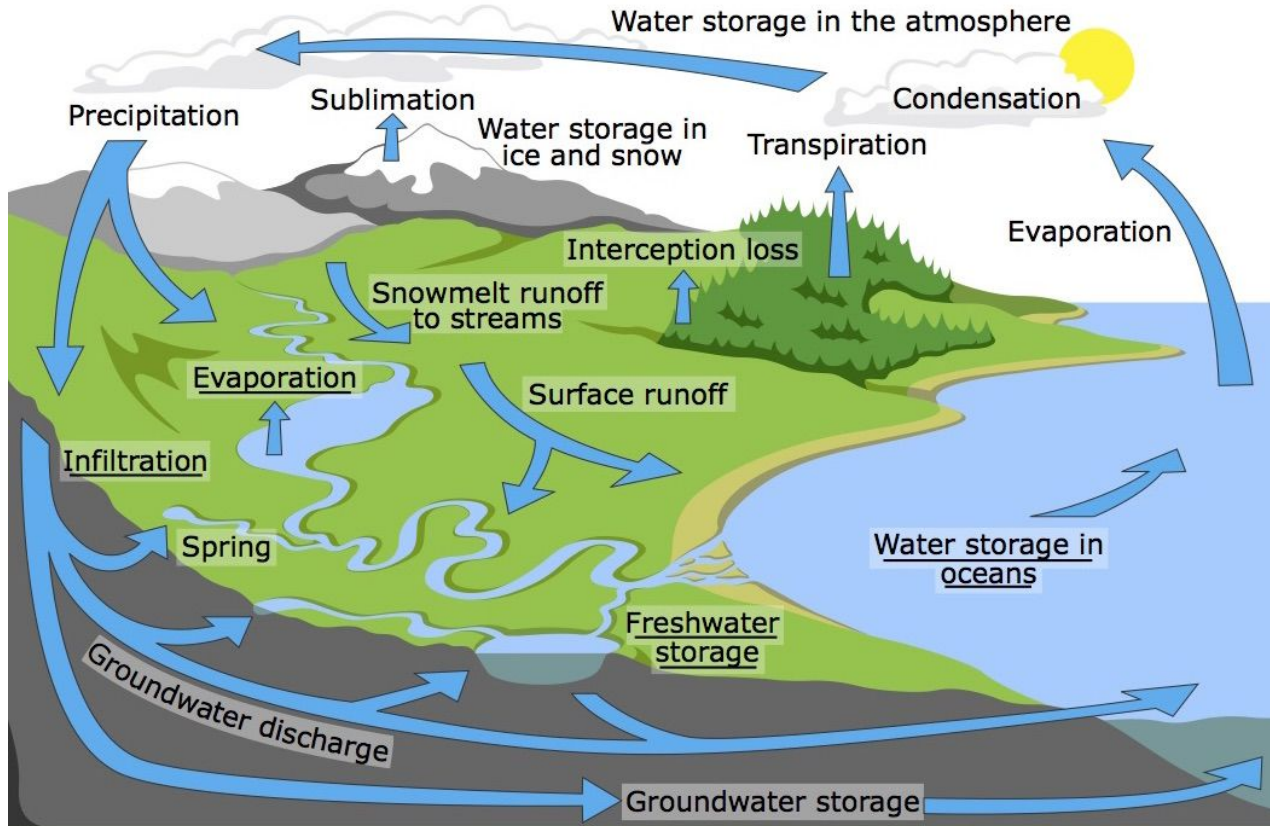


Where is water stored within the  
Hydrologic Cycle?

# Water is stored in the . . .

- Geosphere - groundwater aquifers
- Hydrosphere - oceans, lakes, & glaciers
- Atmosphere - clouds & water vapor
- Biosphere - plants

# DYNAMIC AND COMPLEX: THE GLOBAL WATER CYCLE



# Key Terms

- Evaporation
- Condensation
- Precipitation
- Transpiration
- Percolation
- Sublimation
- Infiltration
- Surface Runoff
- Stream
- Spring
- Groundwater