

LEFT RIGHT GAME: Wastewater Edition

As you read the story, whenever you hear the word RIGHT, continuously pass the item (we use a poop emoji pillow!) to the RIGHT until you hear the word LEFT, then switch directions and continuously pass the box to the LEFT. Are you ready? Here we go...

Water is one of our most valuable resources. There is nothing like a cold glass of water at the **RIGHT** time, or a hot shower **RIGHT** after a long day of work. There is nothing better than being able to turn on the **RIGHT** faucet at the **RIGHT** time and rinse out containers which once held your **LEFT**overs or use the toilet to flush away what has **LEFT** our body.

Wastewater Treatment Facilities, such as HRSD, work to make sure our water is cleaned to the **RIGHT** condition before returning it to **RIGHT** to nature. This means we must ensure wastewater goes through the **RIGHT** treatment and there are no impurities **LEFT** in the water. Oh **RIGHT**, you're probably wondering what wastewater is. Wastewater is any water that has been affected by human use. In other words, wastewater is the water that is **LEFT** behind. It flows down our sinks, toilets, showers, and washing machines. Once at the treatment plant,

water moves **LEFT** and **RIGHT** through several processes to separate out trash, sand and grit. The water travels through the rest of the system to remove what is **LEFT**, including **LEFT**over grease and excess nutrients.

In order to make sure we have plenty of water **LEFT** for future generations, HRSD has created SWIFT. SWIFT stands for the Sustainable Water Initiative for Tomorrow. Through SWIFT, HRSD will recharge the Potomac Aquifer **RIGHT** here in Hampton Roads, Virginia.

So, what are some of the **RIGHT** things *you* can do to make sure there is enough water **LEFT**? Flush the **RIGHT** things down the toilet: only pee, poo, and toilet paper, look **LEFT** and **RIGHT** for leaks at home, and save water. Saving water is the **RIGHT** thing to do. We want to make sure our future generations have safe, clean, water **LEFT** to enjoy.