

Did you know that the water in Lake Del Valle travels through the South Bay Aqueduct and may eventually flow from the taps in your home? If you live in the Livermore-Amador Valley, southern Alameda County, or Santa Clara County, the water you swim in today may be your drinking water next week!

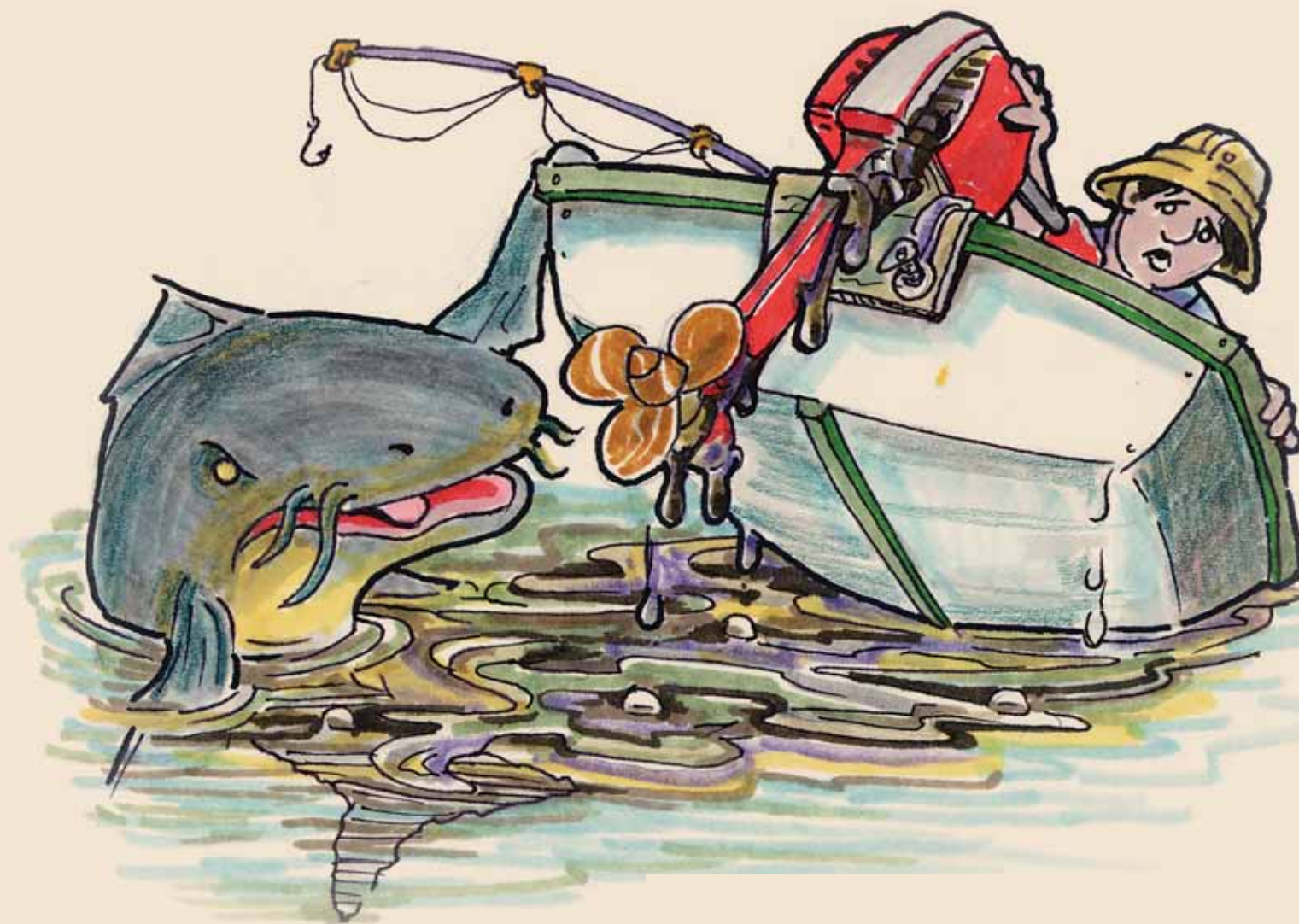
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It's easy to help keep your water supply pure. Here are a few simple things you can do to protect your drinking water here at its source.

Keep diapers (and children wearing them) out of the lake. Dirty diapers and drinking water don't mix!



Do not feed wild animals. Encouraging wildlife to gather near the lake can contribute to bacteria in the water supply.

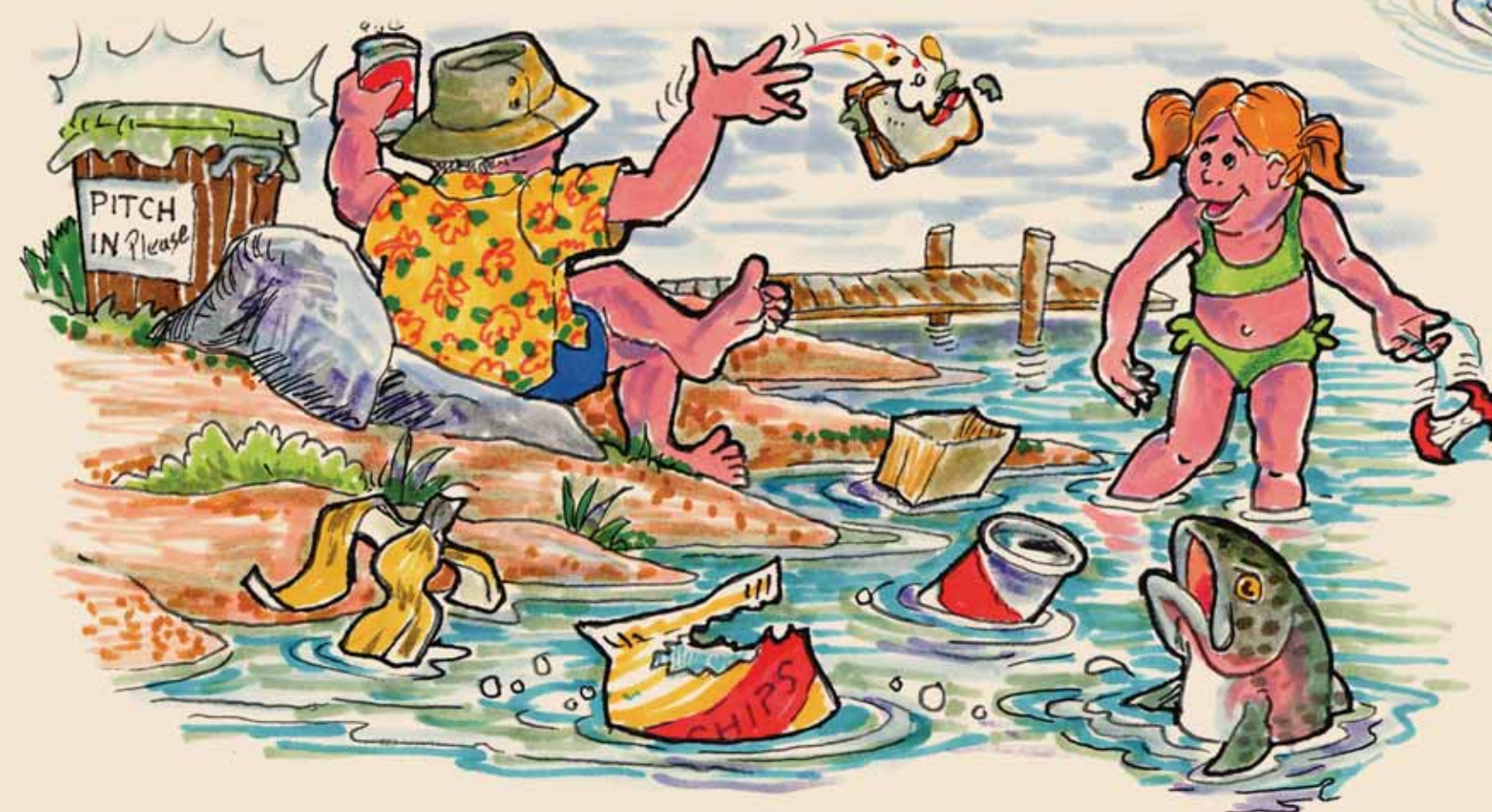


Keep boats well-maintained. Leaking fuel can contaminate the water.



When swimming, take restroom breaks. That means getting out of the water and walking to the restroom. Need we say more?

Dispose of trash properly. Litter can introduce a variety of pollutants to the water.



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Your Tap Water Starts Here!

Follow these simple guidelines and you'll be doing your part to ensure a pure water supply for you and your neighbors.



When hiking, prevent erosion by respecting park signage in environmentally sensitive areas. Erosion contributes sediment to reservoirs, which makes the water cloudy, more difficult to treat, and raises treatment costs.



Replace lead fishing weights with non-lead alternatives. Lead weights can poison fish and wildlife and contaminate the drinking water supply.

Pack out your fishing line. Tangled fishing line can trap birds and other wildlife.



Help prevent wild fires, which increase runoff and erosion. Have campfires and barbecues in designated areas only.



Clean up after your horses and pets. Disposing of their waste properly helps to keep bacteria out of the water.



If you live in the Livermore-Amador Valley, southern Alameda County, or Santa Clara County, Lake Del Valle may be the source of your tap water. When you help to keep the water here at Del Valle clean, you help to keep your tap water as pure and inexpensive as possible.



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