

# THE WATER CYCLE (HYDROLOGIC CYCLE)

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[ SPACE FOR WATER CYCLE DIAGRAM / ILLUSTRATION ]

## **Evaporation**

The process where liquid water changes into water vapor (gas) due to heat energy from the sun.

## **Transpiration**

The release of water vapor from the leaves of plants into the atmosphere.

## **Condensation**

The cooling of water vapor in the atmosphere to form liquid droplets (clouds).

## **Precipitation**

Water falling to Earth's surface as rain, snow, sleet, or hail.

## **Runoff / Collection**

Water that flows over the land surface and gathers in oceans, lakes, and rivers.

**Infiltration**

The process by which water on the ground surface enters the soil and becomes groundwater.