TEX and DOT

Water Quality Coloring & Activity Book
Hi again, remember us? I’m Tex.
And I'm Dot!

And I'm Freeway the Frog!
We want to talk to you about keeping Texas’ waters clean.

... Because trash and litter on our roadways becomes trash in our waterways!
It's easy to help keep Texas' waters clean.

... And fun too! C'mon and we'll show you how!

Clean water makes me happy!
What we throw out on our streets, sidewalks and yards...

...washes into the stormwater drains and winds up in our waterways.

Oh no! Not to my home!
Everything else has a place.

Only rain should go down a drain.
Hey! That trash doesn't belong there!

Always put litter in its place--a trash can!
Please put your trash in here!

We need to tell our friends and family not to throw litter on the ground.
What should Dot do with all the trash?
Help her find the way to the trash can!
Waterways are home to a lot of living things including fish, birds, plants and frogs.
Fish, frogs and plants live in creeks, lakes and rivers. They don't want trash in their home!

Circle the items that belong in a river. Put an "X" over the items that don't belong.
Can you match the items that are recyclable, trash and compost?

Draw a line from the items on the right to the proper container.

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<tr>
<th>Trash</th>
<th>Leaves</th>
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<tr>
<td>Recycle</td>
<td>Glass Bottles</td>
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<td>Compost</td>
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When everyone does their part, our waterways are clean for everyone and everything.
Hey kids! Use the clues below to fill in the letters in the squares.

Down
2. Only ___ should go down the drain.
3. Rain is drops of ___.
5. ___ from a car should not be poured down the drain.
6. ___ and Dot
8. Something that does not belong in water.
11. Good water quality is important for our ______.
14. Pollution can ___ the creatures that live in Texas waterways.

Across
1. Freeway the ___
4. ___ mess with Texas.
7. When ______ does his or her part, our waterways are clean.
9. Pollution is ___.
10. These live in waterways.
12. “No ______, Drains to Waterway.”
13. What you say when you see a polluted creek.
15. Pollution can make people ___.
Words can be found horizontal, vertical, diagonal and backwards.

dumping
turtle
pollution
water
fish
toxic
frog
rain
oil
TxDOT
runoff
sewer
drain
future
awful
mess

Can you find the words in this list hidden in the jumble of letters above?
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