

Everyone lives in a Watershed!

When we receive precipitation (rain or snow), it falls on the land and makes its way into larger bodies of water either a wetland, pond, lake, creek, stream or river. The area of land that catches the water is called a WATERSHED.

How many major rivers run through South Dakota?
Answer: _____

Each major river forms a watershed. How many major watersheds cover the state?
Answer: _____

The biggest watershed covering South Dakota is the Missouri River watershed. Almost all of South Dakota lies in the Missouri River Watershed. Many other smaller watersheds fit inside the Missouri River Watershed.

Which watershed do you live in?
Color in your watershed.

Do you know which watershed(s) and river(s) do not drain into the Missouri River?
Answer: _____

