



Water Cycle

Evaporation ~ water evaporates from the ocean surface and rises into the air.

Condensation ~ the water vapor condenses into clouds.

Precipitation ~ water from the clouds then falls to earth as rain or snow.

Water Storage ~ water is stored on mountains as ice and snow.

Surface Runoff ~ melting ice and snow as well as rain flow over the Earth's surface.

Groundwater Infiltration ~ some water goes into the ground.

Freshwater Storage ~ water flows to streams and lakes where it is stored.

Discharge ~ water from the ground and surface eventually flows back to the ocean.