

## “Wastewater Laboratory” Workshop for Vienna Primary Schools

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#### Wastewater Laboratory

Where does wastewater in our homes actually come from?

Using a specially designed “wastewater construction kit,” students connect sinks, toilets, and bathtubs to the sewer system — ideally without causing a flood. But what happens if cat litter or wet wipes are flushed down the drain? Can all types of paper and litter really be disposed of via the sewer system?

Through simple, hands-on experiments, students explore these questions in an engaging and age-appropriate way. By the end of the workshop, they will understand what belongs in the sewer system — and what definitely does not.

#### Environmental Education Action Weeks

This special two-hour workshop is offered free of charge to 4th grade students at Vienna primary schools as part of the Environmental Education Action Weeks from **May 12 – June 12, 2026**

The program was developed in 2022 by the **Vienna Open Lab** in cooperation with **Wien Kanal** and the City of Vienna’s environmental education program to introduce children to the topic of household wastewater in a fun and interactive way.

Workshops take place daily during the Action Weeks starting at 8:30 a.m. (flexible start times available).

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#### At a Glance

- **Target group:** 4th grade primary school classes

- **Class size:** Maximum 25 students
  - **Dates:** May 12 – June 12, 2026
  - **Currently available times:** From 11:30 a.m. onward
  - **Duration:** 2 hours
  - **Cost:** Free of charge
  - **Language:** German
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## Registration

Please register by phone no later than April 10, 2026:

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As places are highly sought after, we recommend booking early. We are also happy to answer any questions you may have.

**Please note that all workshops are conducted exclusively in German.**

## Preparation Tip

To help prepare your students for the topic of “**Vienna’s Water Cycle**,” we recommend the book “**Tim & Trixi Tropf**,” available in many school libraries and online. A 15-minute educational video on the topic is also available.