

The water cycle describes how water moves through Earth's systems.

1. Evaporation: Water from oceans, lakes, and rivers turns into vapor and rises.
2. Condensation: Water vapor cools and forms clouds.
3. Precipitation: Water falls from the sky as rain, snow, or hail.
4. Collection: Water returns to bodies of water and the ground.

The cycle is continuous and helps distribute fresh water across the planet.