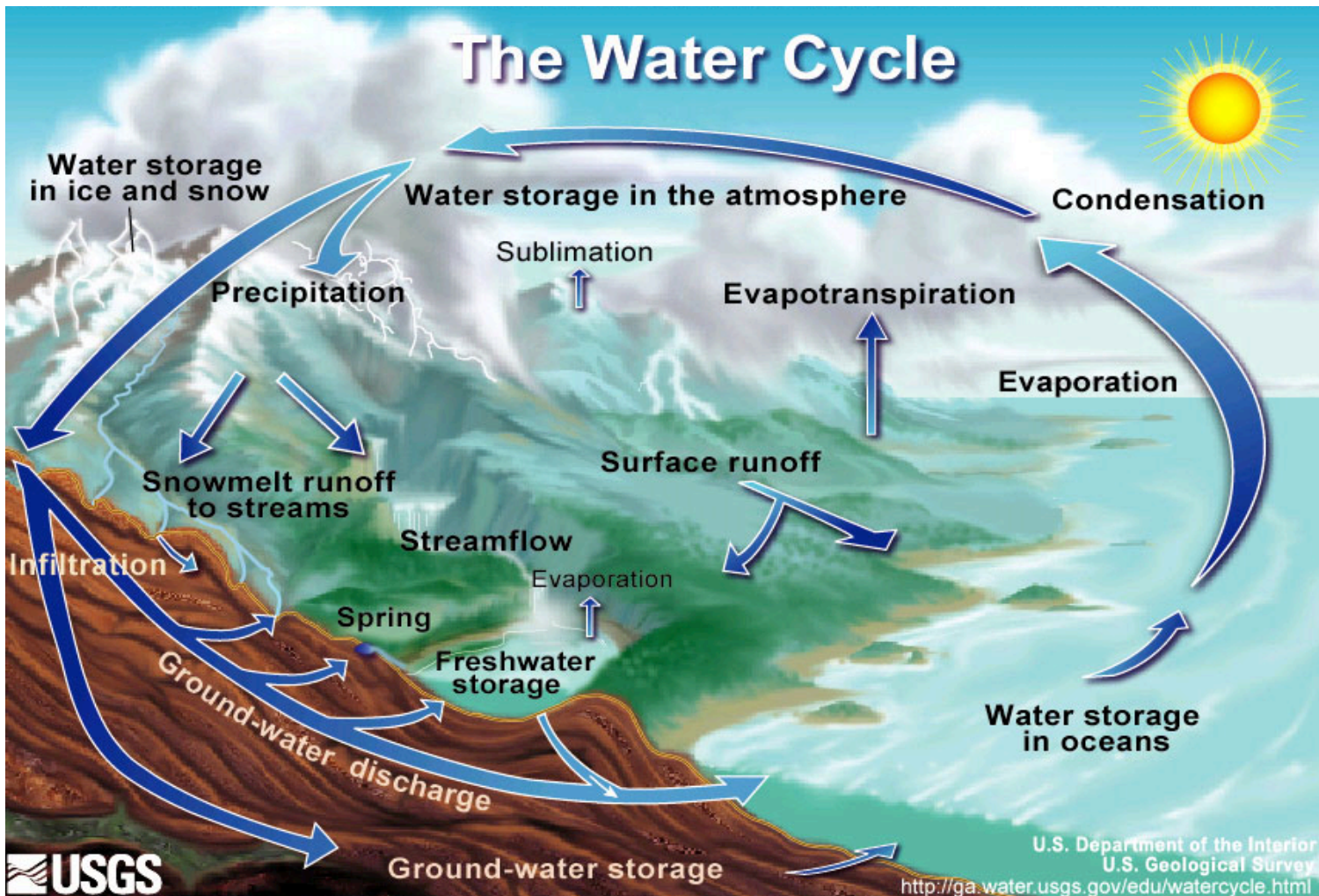


The Water Cycle



Understanding the water cycle is important to understand weather. For instance, the water cycle demonstrates how precipitation falls to the earth. First, water evaporates from the surface of the earth, rises into the atmosphere, cools and condenses into rain or snow in clouds, and then falls again to the surface as precipitation.