The Excretory System

**Purpose:** to rid the body of *wastes*, including excess water, salts and carbon dioxide

**Major Organs and Their Functions**

**Kidneys** – the main organs of the excretory system

-- waste-laden blood enters the kidney and the kidney filters out *urea*, excess water and other waste products, which eventually travel out of the kidney as *urine*

-- eventually they travel through the *ureter* to the *urinary bladder*

**Rectum** – solid (food) waste *travels out* of the body through the rectum
**Skin** – sweat glands remove excess **water** and **salts** from the body

**Lungs** – expel the waste gas **carbon dioxide**

**Image of the Excretory System**

Brain Pop: Excretion