

Even though you may live miles from Monterey Bay, you may be polluting bay waters without knowing it.



On a rainy day have you ever wondered what happens to...

- ◆ motor oil on roads, highways, parking lots, driveways, and in storm drains?
- ◆ old antifreeze discarded in storm gutters?
- ◆ detergent from washing cars?
- ◆ trash and grime from parking lots, sidewalks and streets?
- ◆ fertilizers and pesticides from lawns and gardens?
- ◆ bare soil on hillsides?
- ◆ pet waste from lawns, streets, and sidewalks?

Storm drains are not connected to household sewer systems. Storm drain pollutants (urban runoff) flow directly into waterways and oceans without treatment.

Who is responsible for
Urban Runoff?

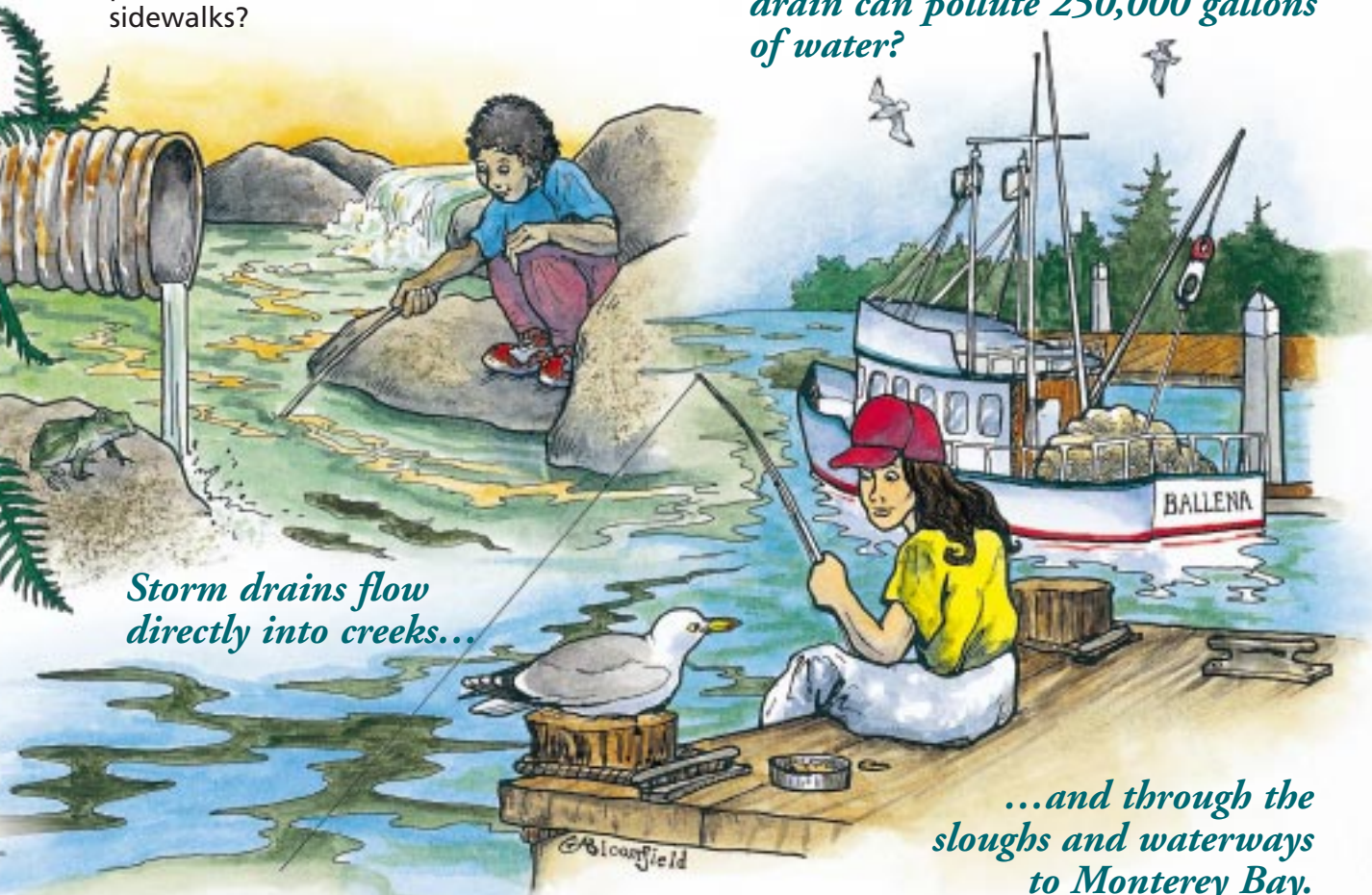
Answer: **U R!**

Did you know that dumping one quart of motor oil down a storm drain can pollute 250,000 gallons of water?

Before you pour anything on the ground or street, down a gutter or storm drain, stop and think!

URBAN RUNOFF (storm drain pollution) is caused by motor oil, antifreeze, paints, fertilizers, pesticides, trash, and household chemicals that are poured or washed down neighborhood storm drains. Everything that goes down the storm drain flows directly into creeks, waterways and the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. Unlike the water that goes down the drains in kitchens and bathrooms, storm drain water is NOT cleansed by sewage treatment plants.

Storm drains flow directly into creeks...



...and through the sloughs and waterways to Monterey Bay.