

STORM DRAIN POLLUTION

Even though you may live miles from Monterey Bay, you may be polluting ocean waters without knowing it. The land and sea are connected.

(urban runoff) 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 rivers, 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 cleaned by sewage treatment plants.



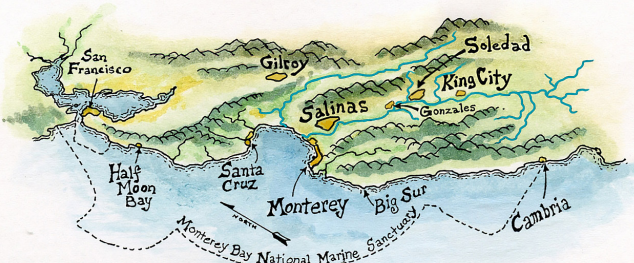
Only rain belongs in gutters and storm drains

Have you ever wondered what happens to...

- motor oil on roads, highways, parking lots, driveways, and in storm drains?
- detergent from washing cars on the street?
- litter and cigarette butts and grime from parking lots, sidewalks and streets?
- fertilizers and pesticides from lawns and bare gardens?
- pet waste from lawns, streets, and sidewalks?
- soil on hillsides?

Storm drains are not connected to household sewer systems. Storm drain pollutants [urban runoff] flow directly into rivers, waterways and to the Monterey Bay without treatment.

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MONTEREY BAY NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY, in the Pacific Ocean is the nation's largest Marine Sanctuary, encompassing over 5,300 square miles along the Central California coast from Marin County near San Francisco southward to Cambria in San Luis Obispo County. Like a national underwater park, the Sanctuary protects many habitats, ranging from sand flats along the shoreline to the nation's most extensive kelp forests and one of the world's largest underwater canyons. Surrounding wetlands provide nursery grounds for juvenile fish, help protect against flooding and improve water quality by filtering out harmful pollutants. Nutrient-rich currents nourish the area, supporting a productive and diverse marine ecosystem where countless species make their homes, many of them threatened or endangered. The Sanctuary is often called the "Serengeti of the Sea" with some of the best wildlife viewing in the world.

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SAFE DISPOSAL OPTIONS

Dispose of used motor oil at local auto stores. Find full service collection centers near you.

Earth911.com

Contact your waste hauler for used motor oil curbside collection. See below.

OTHER HELPFUL CONTACTS

WATER & SEWER SERVICES

- City of Gonzales (831) 675-5000
- City of Greenfield (831) 674-2635
- City of King City (831) 385-3281
- City of Soledad (831) 223-5009

TRASH, RECYCLING, ORGANICS, HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW)

Monterey County Health Department (Unincorporated MC) Department of Recycling, Resource, and Recovery co.monterey.ca.us
(831) 755-4500

Salinas Valley Recycles SalinasValleyRecycles.org

Madison Lane Recycling, Transfer Station & HHW (831) 424-5520

Johnson Canyon Landfill (831) 675-2165

Jolon Rd. Transfer Station (831) 385-0353

WASTE HAULERS & RECYCLERS FOR SOUTH MONTEREY COUNTY

Waste Management (800) 321-8226

MontereyCounty.wm.com

Tri-Cities Disposal & Recycling (888) 678-6798

Tri-CitiesDisposal.com

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Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary

MontereyBay.noaa.gov

What Goes Where?

WhatGoesWhere.info

FREE Salinas Valley Recycles Eco Hero storm water pollution prevention assembly program

EcoHerosShow@gmail.com (831) 775-3000

Clean Water BEGINS ON YOUR STREET



HELP PREVENT POLLUTION OF SOUTH COUNTY WATERS