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What is Nonpoint Source Pollution (NPS)

Nonpoint Source Pollution, **or people pollution**, is a contamination of our ground water, waterways, and ocean that results from everyday activities such as fertilizing the lawn, walking pets, changing motor oil and littering. **With each rainfall**, pollutants generated by these activities are washed into storm drains that flow into our waterways and ocean. They also can soak into the ground contaminating the ground water below.

Each one of us, whether we know it or not, contributes to nonpoint source pollution through our daily activities. As a result, nonpoint source pollution is the **BIGGEST** threat to many of our ponds, creeks, lakes, wells, streams, rivers and bays, our ground water and the ocean.

The collective impact of nonpoint source pollution threatens aquatic and marine life, recreational water activities, the fishing industry, tourism, and our precious drinking water resources.

The good news - in our everyday activities we can stop nonpoint source pollution and keep our environment clean. Simple changes in **YOUR** daily lifestyle can make a tremendous difference in our quality of life.