

## What is the problem?

- Sediment can cloud the water and destroy aquatic habitats.
- Bacteria and other pathogens can wash into swimming areas causing beach closures.
- Debris: plastic bags, 6-pack rings, plastic bottles and cans washed into water bodies can choke, suffocate or disable animals like birds, fish and sea turtles.
- Hazardous wastes and oil can poison aquatic life. People and land animals can get sick from eating diseased fish and shellfish.
- Rivers, lakes and the ocean are where we swim and recreate. They are also where we get our drinking water.



### Oceano Dunes District

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**To report an emergency or major spill,  
please dial 911**

# Oceano Dunes SVRA & Pismo State Beach Storm Water Management Program





## When it rains...

Surfaces such as roads and parking lots prevent water from soaking into the ground. The water picks up sediment, chemicals, debris and other pollutants as it flows over these surfaces into storm drains. They are deposited in streams, rivers and the ocean.

## How can you help?

- (1) Remember to pick up and properly dispose of your pet's waste
- (2) Throw your garbage away in a trash can or dumpster
- (3) Secure loose food and paper items in your campsite from wind and animals
- (4) Dispose all fluids from your RV at the dump station; not onto the ground

- (5) Keep your OHVs well maintained so they don't leak oil or fuel
- (6) Stay within the designated riding areas
- (7) When flowing and safe and permitted to do so, drive through Arroyo Grande Creek as close to the ocean waterline as possible
- (8) If you accidentally spill oil, gasoline or septic tank fluid; report it to park staff at the kiosk and they will respond with a spill kit
- (9) Purposeful discharges are illegal and are punishable by fines or incarceration. If you witness an illicit discharge, please contact park staff. Reports are anonymous.



## Pollutants found in our waterways:

SEDIMENT • GARBAGE • ANIMAL WASTE AND BACTERIA • PETROLEUM PRODUCTS