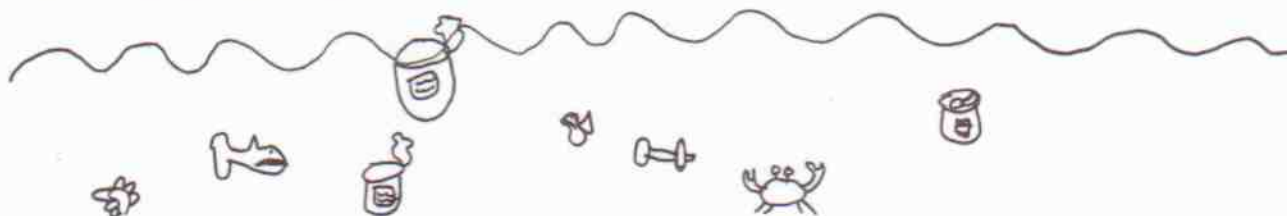


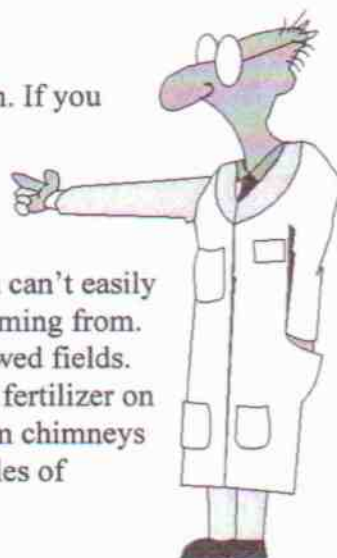
**Water is one of our most important natural resources.
We need clean water to keep us alive.**



There are two kinds of water pollution — point source and nonpoint source.

It's usually easy to figure out where **point source pollution** comes from. If you see a pipe emptying into the water, that's a point source.

You can point to where it's coming from.



Much of the pollution that enters our waterways comes from places you can't easily identify— that's **nonpoint source pollution**. It's hard to tell where it's coming from. Rain washes loose soil off construction sites, bare spots in the yard or plowed fields. Rain washes oil and litter off of parking lots and roads into streams. Extra fertilizer on lawns, golf courses and farm fields wash into our waterways. Exhaust from chimneys and cars goes into the air and comes down with the rain. These are examples of nonpoint source pollution.

Which is point source and which is nonpoint source?

Place a P in the box if the source of pollution is a point source and an N in the box if the pollution is a nonpoint source.

- discharge from a pipe entering a river
- fertilizer from people's yards
- an overflow at a sewage treatment plant
- rainwater running off a parking lot after a storm
- loose soil from a construction site
- smoke in the air from a power plant
- animal manure from a pasture
- used motor oil from a car whose owner empties it directly into a storm drain
- soil eroding from a streambank
- an old gasoline storage tank leaking gasoline into the groundwater