



# Oil and water - and cars

**O**il spills from tankers and barges get the headlines, but more oil pollutes Biscayne Bay each year from street run-off. Oil leaking from cars that runs into storm drains is the main cause. Just a quarter teaspoon of oil will make a film over 2,000 square feet of water surface. One quart of motor oil can contaminate 250,000 gallons of water — more water than 30 people will drink in their lifetimes. The oil from one car engine, about 4 to 6 quarts, can produce an 8-acre slick. Be sure to take used motor oil to a service station, where it can be recycled safely.

