# How Do Nurdles Get Into the Environment?

## **Spills During Transportation**

Nurdles are shipped by trains, trucks, and ships. Sometimes bags or containers break open, and nurdles spill out. These spills can happen at factories, ports, or even along roads and train tracks.



### Moved by Wind

Because nurdles are so small and light, they can be blown away by the wind—especially if they're dropped outside or near open areas. One strong gust can carry them right into rivers or storm drains!



### **Washed Away by Rain**

When it rains, nurdles on the ground can be washed into storm drains or nearby water sources. From there, they flow into streams, rivers, and eventually the ocean.



#### **Factory Leaks or Accidents**

Plastic factories that make or use nurdles sometimes accidentally let them spill outside. If they're not cleaned up right away, they can pollute the environment around the factory.

