

# BE PART OF THE SOLUTION TO STORMWATER POLLUTION!

*"Your home looks great,  
but what about mine?"*



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Your source of information and assistance on:

- Pollution Prevention Programs
- Storm Water Runoff
- Your Neighborhood Pond

## **Pasco County Government**

West Pasco (727) 847-2411

Central Pasco (813) 996-7341

East Pasco (352) 521-4274

Report Illegal Dumping ext. 8110

Recycling ext. 8659

Household Hazardous Waste ext. 8041

Storm Water Management ext. 3611

Extension Office East ext. 4288

West ext. 8177



Dear Neighbor,

The greatest source of pollutants to our waterways comes from storm water. Rainwater flows over yards, pavement, streets and other hard surfaces and picks up pollutants such as motor oil, yard debris, litter, fertilizers and other toxins. This polluted runoff enters storm drains and drainage ditches and then flows directly into the nearest pond, lake, river or stream - untreated.

Volunteers from your community are doing their part. You, too, can make a difference in our water quality and help keep the neighborhood looking good. Each of us has a responsibility to help reduce pollution by properly disposing of debris, trash, waste and other pollutants - pollutants that degrade water quality and are harmful to wildlife and humans.

Here's what you can do to help:

- ◆ Keep grass clippings, litter and dirt off the streets and out of the storm drains or swales.
- ◆ Use lids on your trash cans or bag your household trash.
- ◆ Use fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides sparingly or not at all. These items are considered hazardous waste.
- ◆ Plant Florida natives ([www.fnps.org](http://www.fnps.org)).
- ◆ Avoid planting invasive species ([www.fleppc.org](http://www.fleppc.org)).
- ◆ Direct downspouts toward grass or flower beds, not the driveway! Better yet, use rain barrels.
- ◆ Wash car in the lawn and always use natural cleaning products.
- ◆ Only rain is allowed in storm drains ... it's the law! Report any illegal dumping in storm drains.
- ◆ Waterfront homeowners are encouraged to leave a min. of 10 ft low impact zone along shoreline to protect the water from pollutants. ([www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/yards/](http://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/yards/)).

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