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You need to address St. Augustine grass... It should be banned within a mile of the lagoon . The main problem in the lagoon is the amount of fertilizer in the runoff. I live in Cape Canaveral. Actual broke down and attended a city council meeting. One of the lengthy topics discussed was tackling the lagoon issues. They talked about a lot of lame solutions but everything came down to money. But one thing they can afford is putting in new St. Augustine grass along all the streets in the city. A few days ago I followed their fertilizer truck around as they sprayed down the grass. Street by street dousing the grass. A few hours later a storm came in off the ocean we had a torrential downpour. Most of those hundreds of gallons of fertilizer went right into the lagoon... Anyone who has St. Augustine grass knows you apply the fertilizer before it rains,, or you have to water it several days in a row to insure it doesn't burn the grass..... A large % ends up in the lagoon.

If you're really serious about helping our lagoon,, you will take whatever steps to cut off the nutrients in the runoff on the barrier islands and the riverside of the mainland. We have a choice,, green beautiful yards or a healthier lagoon. Go to the Keys,, most if not all of the yards down there are gravel/ rock. Their beautiful and with the use of environment friendly weed killers,, they can be safely maintained.

People say "houses don't line the banks of the Mosquito lagoon" so this argument doesn't hold water". I've fished and shrimped in the Haulover Canal and the amount of nasty brown dead water that flows through it with a south wind is amazing... Not a surprise that the absolute worst part of Mosquito Lagoon is where the canal flows unti it. Dead grass,, muck,, it's unreal...

Until you address the beautiful green St. Augustine grass and the tons of fertilizer required to keep it that way,, getting rid of every septic tank is not going to help...

Thanks for your time,
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