

WAYS YOU CAN HELP



- Prevent pollutants from entering our lakes at the source. We are ALL part of the problem and must ALL be part of the solution.
- Do not dump, blow, or rake leaves and grass clippings into the streets or storm drains. Leave them on your lawn as mulch or bag them for yardwaste collection.
- Use fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides sparingly and follow label instructions. Keep them off streets and sidewalks, and away from lakes and stormwater drains.
- Do not wash your car on the street or in your driveway. Instead, wash it on the lawn and let the nutrient-rich soapy water fertilize your grass. Better still, use a commercial carwash.
- Repair leaky vehicles. Do not pour oil or chemicals down any drain or into any street.
- Dispose of household hazardous wastes properly at either of Orange County's landfill locations:
 - 5901 Young Pine Road, Orlando 32829
407.836.6600
Open 7 days 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 - 5000 L.B. McLeod Road, Orlando 32811
407.245.0931
Wednesday & Saturday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Pick up your pet's waste and dispose of it properly.
- Contain your trash so it does not become litter.
- Join the LakeWatch program or participate in any of our volunteer opportunities.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



The Streets and Stormwater Division will be actively enforcing codes dealing with pollutant discharges to storm systems. We would prefer to work with residents to reduce pollutant loading to City lakes as opposed to imposing fines through Code Enforcement action. Please feel free to contact the Streets and Stormwater Division at 407.246.2370 or email at stormwater@cityoforlando.net if you have any questions or need assistance in bringing your household or business into compliance with City Stormwater Codes.

REMEMBER... ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN!

Storm drains are designed to collect rainwater
AND NOTHING ELSE.



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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
STREETS AND STORMWATER DIVISION

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STORMWATER SYSTEMS AND TO PRESERVE
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FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF ITS CITIZENS.**

Visit: cityoforlando.net/streets-stormwater/

Report Stormwater Pollution to our Stormwater
Hotline: 407.246.2370

ARE YOU POURING WATER QUALITY DOWN THE DRAIN?



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Did you know that anytime someone pours or sweeps anything into any Orlando street, parking lot or driveway, it will most likely end up in one of the City's 123 lakes? Many Orlando residents discard debris into the streets and storm drains, causing lake pollution.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN STORM DRAINS AND SANITARY SEWERS

A storm drain is a part of a stormwater system that collects rainwater from streets, parking lots and roof tops. In most cases, this water is discharged untreated into lakes. Everything that goes down the storm drains will eventually be

carried into a nearby lake by the underground storm sewer system. This is not to be confused with the underground sanitary sewer system which carries waste from bathrooms, kitchens, and washing machines from households and businesses through a series of pipes to a sewage treatment plant. The sanitary sewer system is designed to collect and carry wastewater; the storm sewer system is designed to collect and carry rainwater only.

Some examples of common polluting material are: Lawn debris, pet waste, hazardous household materials, and excess fertilizers and pesticides. All this polluting material can seriously damage our lakes by:

1. Depleting oxygen from lake water and altering pH levels, creating toxic conditions for fish and wildlife.
2. Increasing algae blooms in lakes due to excessive nutrients.
3. Adding disease bearing organisms to lakes, causing a threat to human health as well as fish and wildlife.
4. Clogging stormlines.
5. Increasing flooding potential.
6. Adding excess nutrients to a lake, causing excessive algae growth.



LOCAL ORDINANCE PROHIBITS DISCHARGE OF POLLUTANTS

In an effort to reduce lake pollution we have enacted codes that prohibit discharge of pollutants into City stormlines. Under the Stormwater Utility Code, Section 31.19 (1), the City prohibits the discharge of pollutants into the lakes, stormlines or any part of the stormwater system, which includes streets, parking lots, driveways, alleys, sidewalks, storm drains, swales and retention/detention ponds. Polluting matter includes, but is not limited to the following:

- Petroleum Products, including but not limited to oil, gasoline and grease
- Solid Waste
- Pet Waste
- Chemicals
- Paints
- Soaps
- Laundry Waste
- Steam Cleaning Waste
- Pesticides, Herbicides or Fertilizers
- Degreasers or Solvents
- Heated Water
- Sanitary Sewage
- Chemically Treated Cooling Water
- Antifreeze and Automotive Products
- Lawn Clippings, Leaves, Branches etc.
- Animal Carcasses
- Silt
- Acids or Alkalis
- Recreational Vehicle Waste

- Construction Materials
- Dyes (without prior written permission from the Utility Bureau)
- Any groundwater which contains phosphorus or nitrogen concentrations into which the groundwater is discharged.
- Any water which exceeds state surface water standards
- Toxic or Poisonous Solids or Liquids



Code Enforcement may include fines up to \$1,000 per day of violation and reimbursement for expenses incurred by the City in carrying out pollution abatement.

