



Protect Pasco County's Waterways Help Prevent Water Pollution

Clean Up After Your Pets

Pet owners should always pick up after their pets and dispose of pet waste in the trash or in a designated pet waste container. Pet waste should never be put into storm drains, roads or waterbodies.

When it rains pet waste can flow into storm drains and into roads. Eventually the waste ends up in our waterbodies causing water pollution. The waste also causes excess nutrients which creates algae bloom and decreases oxygen in the water. This condition has an adverse effect on fish and other aquatic life.

Pet waste not only effects water quality but public health. The bacteria found in pet waste are very harmful and can make people ill. Be a pooper scooper, pick up after your pets!



What You Can Do

- When walking your pet always clean up after your animal.
- Use bags or pooper scoopers to pick up waste.
- Dispose of pet waste in pet waste containers or in the trash.
- Do not put pet waste into the storm drains or the road.
- When traveling carry extra bags in the car to have on hand to clean up after your pet.
- Remind other pet owners to pick up after their pet.
- Check with your community about getting pet waste containers installed in your neighborhood.
- Keep animals out of ponds, lakes and other waterbodies.
- Be a pooper scooper!

Only Rain Is Allowed Down Storm Drains!

For More Information Contact

Pasco County's Stormwater Management Division

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Fertilizer Facts

When it rains everything that is put on your lawn and garden can end up in our waterways. Chemicals in fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides can pollute the water. As it rains these pollutants get washed down into storm drains, roads and waterbodies. Whether you do your own yard work or hire a landscaper, it's important to protect our water's quality and help prevent water pollution.

Excess nitrogen and phosphorous in fertilizer causes algae to grow in water. Algae covering a waterbody are not only an ugly site, but algae can harm fish and other aquatic wildlife by lowering the oxygen levels. This condition makes it difficult for these animals to survive.

To help preserve water quality, use only as much fertilizer as the lawn needs and fertilize sparingly. You can make a difference!



What You Can Do

- Cut down on the usage of fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides. Use these chemicals sparingly.
- Fertilize only when the grass is actively growing.
- Never apply fertilizers or pesticides before it rains.
- Read the label and follow directions on the fertilizer bag. Use only the amount recommended.
- Consider using non-toxic or less toxic products.
- Use slow-release fertilizer. This product can provide fertilization for 60 days or longer.
- Sweep up excess fertilizer on paved areas and place back into the fertilizer bag.
- Do not fertilize within 10 feet of a waterbody.
- Don't over water your lawn. Use a soaker hose instead of a sprinkler.
- Compost or recycle yard waste when possible.

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