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# Redington Beach Newsletter

April 2009



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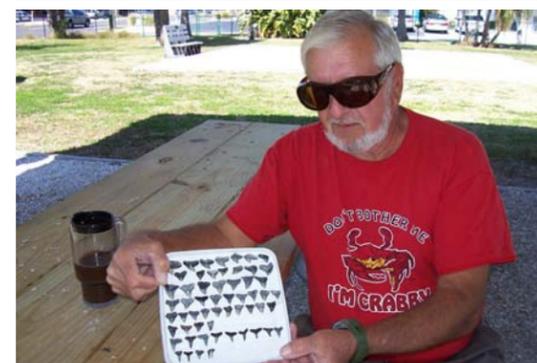
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### FUN FACTS

Have you ever thought of what Redington Beach would have been like five hundred years ago or even one thousand years ago? Were there communities as we know them today? Were there roads and infrastructure? You might be surprised to know, yes there was. People first lived in this area at least 12,000 years ago. There were distinctive regional cultures that produced exquisite pottery, effigies, complex villages, technologies in bone, shell, wood and stone, and also intricate local and long distance trade networks. These people had significant traditional social, political, and ceremonial systems. Most of Florida's roads that were in use through the beginning of the 20th century were part of a transportation system developed by native people. Here in Redington Beach, evidence of these prehistoric people and animals can still be found, giving us a glimpse of what life here was like before us. Yes stone tools, various implements, ceramics, and fossilized bones from animals such as prehistoric horses, camels, mastodon and sharks teeth have been found right here in Redington Beach from an era long before the first Europeans ever first stepped foot here.



Part Time resident Pete Rawlik with his collection of prehistoric sharks teeth found in Redington Beach.

### Mayor's Message

To our Redington Beach Residents

I wish you all a pleasant and safe spring. With our water shortage concerns, please observe all water restriction regulations. The 2007/2008 audit for Redington Beach was received this week, with the report that the Town is in sound fiscal condition. The town anticipates that the declining property values will result in less Ad Valorem revenues for the 2009/2010 FY, for which the budget process will soon start. You town commission will continue to work diligently to be good fiscal stewards of the towns resources. I would like to thank the employees of Redington Beach for their continued good work on behalf of the town.

Nick Simons, Mayor

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Emergency Management

By: Mark Davis

Hurricane season officially starts June 1st. Be prepared for this years storm season. In Florida hurricane preparedness is a year round exercise. The hurricane season runs for six months, from June to November, and can produce more than a dozen named storms in any given year. While most hurricanes either fail to make landfall, hit other areas, or fail to gain significant destructive strength, the lessons learned from hurricanes in Florida show us that we must always be prepared. Here are some thing you can do today to prepare for the hurricane season:

- Locate where you live and your evacuation zone. Determine if and when you would have to evacuate. REMEMBER: ALL MOBILE HOME RESIDENTS MUST EVACUATE, REGARDLESS OF LOCATION.
- Decide NOW where you would go if ordered to evacuate (friend, relative, hotel, out of the region). Only use shelters as a last resort. If you choose to go to a hotel or travel out of the region, you must leave early.
- Check you preparedness checklist and obtain any items you may need.
- Keep your home in good repair. Tack down loose roofing and siding, and trim dead or broken branches from trees.
- Make the minor improvements needed to increase your home's safety. Contact a licensed engineer, licensed contractor or architect to inspect your home for structural integrity.
- Make plans and purchase materials to protect your home before the threat of a storm, (plywood, window protection, plastic sheeting, nails, etc).
- Purchase a battery powered weather alert radio.
- Inventory your property and store the list with insurance and title papers in a safe place, or send a copy to a relative out of the area. Using a video tape is an excellent way to inventory your home.
- Make sure your address is clearly marked on your home.

While the strength of a hurricane is measured merely by the sustained wind speed, the dangers that hurricanes present include much more than wind damage. Hurricanes combine storm surge, high winds, heavy rains and tornadoes in a powerful and devastating combination.

Storm Surge

Storm surge is an abnormal rise in the sea level that can reach up to 100 miles wide. It sweeps along the coast near where the eye of a hurricane makes landfall. This increase in sea level, topped by waves is the greatest threat to life and property for those living on the coast. Remember, most hurricane related deaths are caused by drowning.

High Winds

Hurricane force winds can destroy buildings and create missiles from loose debris, and these winds can remain at hurricane force well inland. If you do not have to evacuate, remember to secure your home and cover your windows before the storm. MOBILE HOMES ARE EXTREMELY VULNERABLE TO HIGH WINDS AND SHOULD BE EVACUATED REGARDLESS OF LOCATION WITHIN PINELLAS COUNTY.

Heavy Winds

Torrential rains often in excess of 10 inches can cause destructive floods along the coast and well inland. It is important that you are aware of your flood zone. Remember, your flood zone is not the same as your evacuation zone. Evacuation zones are determined by susceptibility to storm surge. Flood zones are determined by susceptibility to inland flooding from rising groundwater. If your home or street has suffered from flooding in the past, there is a good chance that you are in a flood-prone area.

Category	Sustained Winds	Storm Surge	Damage
1	74 to 95 mph	5 to 7 feet	Minor
2	96 to 110 mph	7 to 12 feet	Moderate
3	111 to 130 mph	12 to 15 feet	Major
4	131 to 155 mph	15 to 20 feet	Severe
5	Above 155 mph	20 to 24 feet	Catastrophic

If you have special needs during a hurricane or storm, make sure you are signed up for the Special Needs Assistance Program. Forms are available at Town Hall. During an event such as an official storm or hurricane warning, sand will be available across the street from Town Hall, at Friendship Park until supply runs out. At that time, the location will be relocated to Archibald Park, Madeira Beach, across from Subway Sandwiches. Sand bags are available at Town Hall and are limited to 20 per house.

Evacuation Route: Redington Beach SOUTH on Gulf Blvd, Tom Stewart Causeway, Madeira Beach. It is recommended you make plans to stay in a home of a friend or relative, a hotel, or motel. If you must evacuate to a shelter, the closest shelter to Redington Beach is Bauder Elementary School, 12755 86th Avenue, Seminole. NO PETS.

# IMPORTANT NOTICE!

**To Pinellas County Utilities Reclaimed Water Customers**

**NEW RECLAIMED WATER ORDINANCE**  
(Pinellas County Code 82-3)

**NOW IN EFFECT**

**Limits "overhead irrigation" to three days a week from:**  
**April 1 to June 30, and**  
**October 1 to November 30**

(Irrigation prohibited between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.)

Odd addresses ending in 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 or a mix of addresses, or for which an address can not be determined, such as common areas associated with residential subdivisions--**Wednesday, Friday and Sunday**

Even number addresses ending in 0, 2, 4, 6, 8--**Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday**

**Fines for non compliance:** Notice of Violation for first violation and Citation With Fine for second violation

- Seasonal residents should set timers now
- Rain shut-off devices are recommended to avoid over-watering your lawn
- Make water conservation a part of your Florida lifestyle



If you have questions, please call our **HOTLINE (727) 464-4273**, or visit our Web site at [www.pinellascounty.org/reclaimed](http://www.pinellascounty.org/reclaimed)

**Phase IV Watering Restrictions: Effective April 1, 2009**

- County Water: Once Per Week between the hours of midnight and 4:00 am on your scheduled day
- Well Water: Remains under the modified Phase III restrictions  
Once Per Week Between the Hours of 6:00 pm to 8:00 am

If you do not know your watering days, please contact Town Hall and the staff will be more than happy to help determine your day. 727-391-3875

## Stormwater Education

By Mark A. Davis

The Basics:

**What is storm water?**

Stormwater is the rain that lands on our yards, streets, parking lots, and buildings and then either enters the storm drain system or runs directly into a lake or stream.

**How does storm water get polluted?**

As storm water flows over our lawns, driveways and parking lots, it picks up fertilizers, oil, chemicals, grass clippings litter, pet waste, and anything else in its path. The storm sewer system then transports these pollutants to local lakes and streams, and eventually Tampa Bay or the Gulf of Mexico. Anything that goes into a storm drain or the road eventually ends up in our waters. Polluted storm water can also affect drinking water sources. This, in turn can affect human health and increase drinking water treatment costs.

**What is a storm drain?**

Storm drains are the openings you see along curbs and in streets and parking lots. Rainwater enters the storm drain and is transported through the storm sewer system to nearby ponds, lakes, and streams, and ultimately to Tampa Bay or the Gulf of Mexico. Water that enters storm drains does not go to a treatment facility.

**What is a sanitary sewer?**

A sanitary sewer takes household water and waste from toilets, sinks, and showers, and transports it to a wastewater treatment facility. There, the water is treated and can be reused for reclaimed water. Here in Florida, the sanitary sewers are separate from storm sewers.

**The Law**

According to Federal, State, and Local regulations, no pollutants can be allowed to enter the surface waters, the storm sewer system, or even be disposed of in the roadways as roads also lead to storm drains. Pollutants that enter the water illegally are called **illicit discharges**. The rule of thumb is, if it isn't clean water, it shouldn't make it to the storm drain, street, or into any body of water. To learn more about local storm water regulations click on "Pinellas County Stormwater Ordinance".

Any illicit discharge is punishable by fines of up to \$10,000 per day. Fines range in amount based on the severity of the violation.

**Examples of Pollutants:**

Sediment can cloud the water and make it difficult or impossible for aquatic plants to grow. Sediment also can destroy aquatic habitats. Principals Sources: Construction, (dirt, gravel, grout, cement, etc.)

Excess nutrients can cause algae blooms. When algae die, they sink to the bottom and decompose in a process that removes oxygen from the water. Fish and other aquatic organisms can't exist in water with low dissolved oxygen levels. Principal Sources: Fertilizers, yard debris, pet waste from residential areas, agricultural run off.

Bacteria and other pathogens can wash into swimming areas and create health hazards, often making beach closures necessary. Principal Sources: pet waste

Trash & Debris: plastic bags, six pack rings, bottles, and cigarette butts washed into water bodies can choke, suffocate, or disable aquatic life like ducks, fish, turtles, and birds.

Hazardous waste like insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents, used motor oil, and other auto fluids can poison aquatic life. Land animals and people can become sick from eating diseased fish and shellfish or ingesting polluted water. Potential Sources: residential, commercial, or industrial dumping or run off; automotive leaks.

Exceptions to the rule: Discharges from potable water sources, fire fighting waters, non-chlorinated pool discharges (though we recommend using the water to water your lawn, it saves money and water)

Illicit connections: No connection can be made to the storm sewer system to drain pools, plumbing, septic tanks, washing machines, etc. If you think you might have a potential illicit connection on your property, please contact your local stormwater department who will help you determine if the connection is legal.

**NPDES NATIONAL POLLUTION DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM****PROPER USE, STORAGE, AND DISPOSAL OF PESTICIDES**

Everyone knows that pest control materials help protect our families, food, and property from destructive pests. But would you want to swim in them? Bathe in them? Or even drink them? Not likely. A recent EPA homeowner study found that over 2 billion pounds of pesticides are applied annually in the United States. But what happens to the leftovers—unused chemicals that homeowners like you store in the garage or under the sink?

The same EPA study found that one third are discarded down the sink drain. Just as serious, two thirds of all concentrated pesticides are thrown into the trash and end up in landfills. In both cases, these chemicals can soak into ground water and pollute the water supply. That's why learning how to properly use, store and dispose of household pesticides is essential to protecting the water supply for our children and our children's children.

**BEFORE YOU APPLY**

The first and most important step in using any pesticide is very simple: **Read the Label**. Information is printed there if the product poses a threat to the water supply. Look for the "Environmental Hazards" section on the pesticide label. It is critically important to follow the directions exactly as listed.

When it comes to pesticides, the label will tell you exactly how much to apply and how to apply it. More is not better. In fact, by misapplying you may actually lessen the effectiveness of the treatment.

Most of all, know your limitations. If you pest problem seems to be more than you can handle or if you feel uncomfortable using the pesticide, consider leaving the pests to the professionals. A professional pest control company has technicians who are trained and licensed in pesticide application and safety.

**Using Pesticides Safely and Correctly**

Once you have read the pesticide label and are familiar with all precautions, your job has just begun. Here are some tips for handling pesticides.

**When Mixing or Applying a Pesticide**

- Follow the directions on the label carefully. Use only for the purpose listed. Use only the amount directed, at the time and under the conditions indicated. Misuse of any pesticide is illegal.
- If you have to mix or dilute the pesticide, do so outdoors away from the street drains, lakes or other bodies of water. Mix only the amount you need for the job. Don't make large amounts to store for future use. Stored pesticides can leak, spill and pollute the environment.
- If a spill occurs, clean it up quickly. Don't wash it away. Sprinkle the spill with sawdust or kitty litter, sweep it into a plastic bag, and throw it away.
- Follow the label directions so you don't apply too much. Never water your lawn after applying pesticides. Excess pesticide could run off or seep into the water supply and contaminate it.
- Never mix or apply a pesticide near a wellhead. Wellheads serve as direct links to groundwater.

**STORING PESTICIDES PROPERLY**

Improperly stored pesticides may leak into the water supply. They can be dangerous to people and the environment. Follow these safety recommendations:

- Follow all storage instructions on pesticide labels.
- Don't stockpile. Buy only the pesticide you will use right away or during the current season.
- Always store pesticides safely in their original containers, complete with labels that list ingredients, directions for use, and first aid steps in case of accidental poisoning.
- Keep all pesticides in a locked cabinet in a well-ventilated utility area or garden shed.
- Never store pesticides in uncovered areas, where they will be unprotected from the weather.
- Do not store pesticides in places where flooding is possible or in places where they might spill or leak into wells, drains, ground water or surface water.

**PUBLIC WORKS** By Mark A. Davis

**DID YOU KNOW:** On June 1, 1999, the Florida Marine Patrol within the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Agency issued the Town of Redington Beach a permit, number 99-037 for the installation of 10 waterway markers (swim buoys) in the Gulf of Mexico.

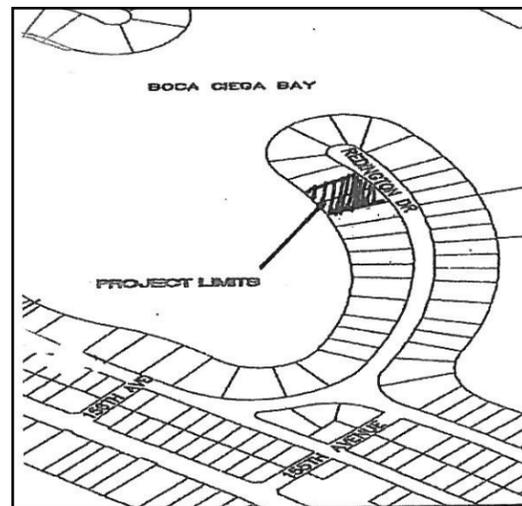
Subsequently, this permitting function was transferred to the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Boating & Waterways Section. In accordance with the conditions of our permit and Florida Administrative Code 68D-23.110, we are now required to not only maintain the markers, but to conduct periodic inspections on them to determine the condition of all markers. Additionally along with quarterly inspections of each marker, a report with various forms of documentation and certification must be submitted to the agency. Failure to comply will result in the town losing its ability and authorization to keep our buoys in the water off the beach. With this new process, an additional buoy will be placed in the proximity of 164th Avenue. Currently the town tries to keep a marker on every block, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, and 164th Avenues. By maintaining the markers at this distance, they can easily be seen by boaters and swimmers alike. Stay Safe and Enjoy the natural resources.

**Town Parks**

- A new drinking fountain has replaced the old rusty one in Town Park
- A new tire swing has been purchased for the playground and will be installed shortly.
- The 160th Beach Park shower is up and running once again.
- We are in the process of getting prices for repairing or replacing the shelter in the Town Park. The current structure is deteriorating due to rust and the salt air.
- A new tether ball has been added to Town Park.

**Storm Water Project Update**

The multi phase storm water management project is coming to an end. The Town was able to complete Phases I, II, and III. A new drop inlet, drain line, and outfall will be installed at the end of 155th Avenue and Redington Drive, completing this multi phase storm water rehabilitation. I would like to thank the residents of the town for your cooperation and patience during this seemingly endless construction throughout the town. We have had many thanks from various residents for alleviating standing water and minor flooding problems. With the help of the Southwest Water Management District's funding, we were able to help resolve some long over due issues.



Final Project: New Storm Drain

**SHORT TERM RENTALS:**

**NOTICE:** All properties zoned "single family residential" are prohibited by the Town's Code of Ordinances from being used as a short term rental properties. Short term rental is defined as for any period less than 181 days. Thank you for your efforts in helping to make Redington Beach a great place to live.

Redington Beach Code of Ordinances may be viewed at Town Hall Monday to Friday, 8 am to 4 pm. The Madeira Beach Library has a copy of our ordinance book that the public can view. The town web site also has a link to the Town's Codes. If you have any questions, please fee free to contact me either at my office or at 727-391-3875.

**UPDATE:** Unkept and unmowed lawns still continue to be one of the Town's most widely violated ordinances despite articles and reminders published in the quarterly newsletters. Summertime is approaching fast which means the growing season is starting to kick in. Code Enforcement will be targeting overgrown lawns town wide this coming month. Repeat offenders will be issued citations with mandatory court appearances and a minimum fine of \$188.00. Please make arrangements to have your lawn mowed if you will be out of town for any length of time. This will help assure to having a safe, healthy environment. Thank you.

**REPEAT VIOLATIONS:** While voluntary compliance with the Town's Ordinance is our goal, there are times when further enforcement action must be initiated. Repeat offenders cost the Town both time and money. While the office of Code Enforcement tries to work cooperatively with everyone, residents must do their share to ensure that our codes are diligently complied with. We now use the Circuit Court System as an enforcement arm. Repeat offenders will now be issued a citation with a mandatory court appearance. Anyone with questions concerning code enforcement should feel free to contact me.

**Construction Activities:** Section 12-91, the erection, including excavation, demolition, alteration or repair of any kind other than between the hours of 7 am and 6 pm on weekdays is prohibited, except in the case of urgent necessity in the interest of public health and safety, and then only with a permit from the building official, which may permit may be granted for a period not to exceed three days while the emergency continues.

**COURTESY NOTICES**

Courtesy Notices are issued as a reminder to residents that at Redington Beach Code Violation has occurred or exists. On each courtesy notice you will find the nature of the violation. Generally, the Town allows 72 hours to correct the violation, unless something more serious may require more time in which exceptions may be given. If more time is required, please contact Mark Davis. If appropriate, we will try to work with you.

**Sample Courtesy Notice**

**Requirements:**

Property owners can use the following checklist for yard maintenance that will comply with the Town Code: Do mow the lawn so that grass is 12" or less. Do not allow weeds, vines, bushes, grass, thistles, or other rank or noxious vegetation to grow or otherwise accumulate upon your property. Do not allow or permit any stagnant water to accumulate. Do not store or keep on your property, in the open, any rubbish, old cars, or parts, building materials or anything that is unsightly or unsanitary.

By following these guidelines, property values stay constant and the community remains one of the TOP AREAS to live in the county. Our first priority is to help residents voluntarily comply with these standards, but if you receive a violation notice, we recommend that you find out how to correct the problem and do so promptly. You can ask for additional time, provided you are making progress on the violation. If you are unwilling to take prompt action to correct the problems, there are consequences. If legal action becomes necessary, you will be served a notice and must appear before the Code Enforcement Board or before a judge in the Pinellas County Court. You must explain your case and ultimately correct the violations in order to avoid fines and liens. Liens or fines can accrue on a daily basis from \$50 to \$500 for each day that the violation is not corrected. For additional information, please call Mark Davis.

TOWN OF REDINGTON BEACH COURTESY NOTICE OF CODE VIOLATION	
<b>NOTICE SERVED TO:</b>	
Address: _____	
<b>NATURE OF VIOLATION:</b>	
Section # _____	Construction/work without visible permit
_____	Grass or Weeds Exceeding 12" in Height
_____	Parking of Boats, Trailers, or RV's
_____	Inoperable Motor Vehicle
_____	Trash Accumulated on Property
_____	Fence or Hedge Height Limit
_____	Animals - Leash Required OR Nuisance
_____	Noise Prohibited
_____	Other: _____
NOTICE Left by: _____	
Date: _____	Time: _____
Thank you for complying with the Town Codes. If you have any questions, please contact Town Hall:	
TOWN OF REDINGTON BEACH 105 - 164 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, Redington Beach, FL 33708 (727) 391-3875 Fax: (727) 397-6911 Mark A. Davis, Code Enforcement Officer Terry L. Dillon, Deputy Code Enforcement Officer	

**CODE ENFORCEMENT – ISSUES AND UPDATES**

*For Code Enforcement Questions, contact Mark Davis, Code Enforcement Officer and/or Terry Dillon, Assistant Code Enforcement Officer at Town Hall – 727-391-3875.*

**Code Enforcement Mission Statement** To insure a safe, healthful environment consistent with the community needs and Town codes while striving for voluntary compliance and public awareness.

**Several REMINDERS:**

The Town of Redington Beach prohibits the parking of boats and/or boat trailers on any right of way or easement in the limits of the Town. It shall be unlawful for any person to place or park any recreational equipment upon any residentially zoned lot, piece or parcel of land in the town, or upon any right-of-way or easement within the residentially zoned areas of the town, except that one piece of recreational equipment for the sole purpose of loading, unloading, or repairing such recreational equipment, and the one piece of recreational equipment shall be allowed to remain in place upon such property only for a period of time as is reasonably necessary to actually load, unload, or repair such piece of recreational equipment; provided, however that the time for the loading, unloading, or repair of the recreational equipment shall not in any event exceed four days, whether consecutive or not, within any 20 day time frame. For purposes of enforcement of this section, a day shall be determined by the appropriate authorities of the town to consist of either 24 consecutive hours or any fraction thereof. The mere moving of the piece of property during a day shall not reinitiate the computation of a 24 hour period.

**Off Street Parking:** The Town of Redington Beach adopted Ordinance 90-92 by referendum on September 4, 1990, which prohibits paving off street parking. In addition, the Federal Clean Water Act, Sec. 402, directs the EPA to establish regulations governing municipal storm water discharges to the waters of the United States. Further, the Town adopted Ordinance 93-07 on September 24, 1993, providing the Town with the legal authority to control pollution to the Town’s MS4’s (Storm Drainage System).

**What Does this Mean?** In simple terms this means that once a property owner removes any asphalt, concrete, or non pervious surface from any right of way areas, it must go back as a grassy area. Non pervious right of way surfaces are prohibited once these existing surfaces prior to September 4, 1990, have been removed, they cannot be rebuilt or replaced.

**Sec 12-61 Prohibited Trees:**

(c) Due to the prolific nature, toxicity to native vegetation, imminent threat to natural communities and the prosperity for causing aggravation to people from noxious plant species it shall be the intent of this article to eradicate from all areas of the town, the following plant species: Brazilian Peppery, Punk, and Australian Pine Trees. Any new growth of these species must be removed at the owner’s expense or penalties will apply within one year after growth begins (Ord. No 98-02, 6-2-98)

(d) Pruning corner clearance. Every owner of any tree and/or planting overhanging any street or right of way within the town shall prune the branches so the branches shall not obstruct the light from any street lamp or obstruct the view of any street intersection so that there shall be clear space of eight feet above the surface of the street or sidewalk. Said owners shall remove all dead, diseased, or hazardous trees; and broken or decayed limbs which constitute a menace to the safety of the public or property. The town shall have the right to prune any tree or shrub on private property when it interferes with the proper spread of light along the street from a street light or interferes with the visibility of any traffic control devise or sign. (Ord. No. 98-02, 6-2-98)

Ordinance No 2004-04 requires all construction sites to have a container for construction debris and trash. All construction sites must be kept in a manner so that garbage, rubble and construction debris does not end up on neighboring properties or in the streets (See chapter 6, Section 6-3, Code of Ordinances)

The posting of private/personal signs (i.e. notices, advertisement, etc.) on utility poles is NOT allowed in the Town of Redington Beach. If you have a sign or notice that you want to have posted, please contact Town Hall personnel as the Town maintains four NOTICE BOARDS throughout the Town where such notices can be posted without violating the town codes (See Chapter 17, Section 17-5 (4) Code of Ordinances.

**Most Code Violations are related to vehicles and overgrown property, to name a few. Code enforcement is an integral part of community policing as it protects local property values and helps to build cleaner, safer communities. The Code Enforcement Division is dedicated to improving the quality of life of our residents by enforcing ordinances and laws of the community and state.**

**NPDES: NATIONAL POLLUTION DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM**

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**SAFE DISPOSAL OF PESTICIDES**

- Do not pour leftover pesticides down the sink, into the toilet, or down a sewer or street drain. Most wastewater treatment systems cannot remove pesticides, so they can pass right into the water we use for swimming, bathing, and drinking.
- The best way to dispose of small amounts of excess pesticides is to use them, apply them, according to the directions on the label. If you don’t need them right away, ask your neighbors whether they have a similar pest problems and can use them.
- If all of the pesticide cannot be properly used, check with your solid waste management authority, environmental agency or health department to find out when your community has “hazardous waste collection” days. Every county has some procedure for disposing of pesticides properly. (See Schedule at bottom of page.)
- When empty, a pesticide container should be rinsed carefully three times. The rinse water should be thoroughly drained back into the sprayer or the container previously used to mist the pesticide. Use the rinse water as a pesticide, following label directions. Replace the cap or closure securely. Dispose of the container according to label instructions. Cut or puncture empty pesticide containers made of metal or plastic to prevent someone from reusing them.
- Do not puncture or burn a pressurized container, like an aerosol can. It could explode.
- Wrap the empty container in newspaper and put it in the trash after you have rinsed it.

Follow these simple recommendations and you can use pesticides safely and protect your water supply.

**CONTACT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE SAFE HANDLING AND DISPOSAL OF PESTICIDES:**

- Your County Cooperative Extension Service
- A professional pest control operator
- Florida Pest Control Association, 800-426-4829
- National Pesticide Telecommunications Network 800-858-7378
- Florida Bureau of Entomology & Pest Control, 904-727-6590

**ARE YOUR PLANTS MISERABLE?**

A healthy plant can stand up to pests. Did you pick the wrong plant for your yard? Choose plants that do well in your area. Choose disease resistant varieties (even roses). Is your plant getting the right amount of light? Does the soil drain well?

**HAVE YOU KILLED YOU PESTS’ ENEMIES?**

Pesticides don’t discriminate. They kill the good bugs and birds, as well as aquatic life in our local waters. Encourage beneficial insects with a variety of flowering plants for year round blooming. And you can buy beneficial insects.

All Mobile Collection events are on Saturdays from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

18-Apr-09	Tarpon Springs High School	1411 Gulf Blvd
25-Apr-09	Pinellas Park Home Depot	4040 Park Blvd
2-May-09	Oldsmar Municipal Services Center	300 Commerce Blvd
16-May-09	Indian Rocks Beach City Hall	1507 Palm Bay Blvd
16-May-09	Treasure Island Community Center	1 Park Place
12-Sep-09	Largo Solid Waste Facility	1551 Starkey Rd
26-Sep-09	Gulfport Recreation Center	5730 Shore Blvd
3-Oct-09	St. Petersburg Home Depot	Tyrone Blvd
10-Oct-09	Safety Harbor Public Works	1220 Railroad Ave
24-Oct-09	Palm Harbor Countryside Home Depot	SW Corner of US 19
7-Nov-09	St. Petersburg Kmart	3951 34th St S

**TRASH COLLECTION**

Waste Services of Florida, Incorporated is the exclusive provided for your garbage, trash, yard waste, and recycling collection services as per Town Ordinance and Contractual Agreement.

If service has not been set up for waste collection which does not meet the required obligation per our Town Ordinance, Article 1, Section 18, please call Waste Services at 727-572-6800. A representative can be reached Monday through Friday, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Upon contacting their office, they can assist you with the following:

Pick Up Days

Start Service & Set Up Account

You will not be back billed for previous pick ups

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Recycling

- Recyclable items are collected once per week on Thursdays. Please place recycling materials at the curb before 7:00 am
- Place rinsed recyclable cans and bottles in your WSI recycle bin. Place newspapers in brown paper bags and set on top of or beside recycle bin
- Rinse all containers and remove all caps, lids, and straws
- Flatten plastic to save space

What to Recycle

- Newspapers and inserts
- Aluminum & Steel cans (no foil wrap, trays, or pie plates)
- Plastic bottles and jugs, milk, soda and water

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**Code Enforcement**

**By Mark A. Davis**

Upcoming:

Code Enforcement will be targeting **Utility Trailers and Short Term Rentals** in the weeks ahead. Residents are reminded through each quarterly newsletter of frequent code violations. Although numerous courtesy notices are issued each month, these two ordinance violations seem to be increasing. If you have a utility trailer they must be kept inside an enclosed carport or garage, out of the view of the public.

Short Term Rentals in Redington Beach are **Prohibited**. Short term is defined as less than 181 days. ( See Code Enforcement, Page 9)

As an ongoing program to keep our Town pollution free and to comply with Florida Department of Environmental Protection regulations, the Town of Redington Beach offers the Adopt a Street Program.

If you would like to Adopt a Street, contact Town Hall. The Town will supply you with trash bags and gloves and will remove trash filled bags from a designated pick up area. Drop off the completed registration form and give us a call when you're ready.

**NPDES: NATIONAL POLLUTION DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM**

**"ADOPT-A-STREET" Registration Form**

**Volunteer's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HELP KEEP YOU COMMUNITY BEAUTIFUL**

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Chapter 6, Building regulations has recently been amended with five new passed ordinances. These are available for review at Town Hall or on the town's web site; [www.townofredingtonbeach.com](http://www.townofredingtonbeach.com).

The following issues for ordinances are currently being review:

- Fences & Walls
- Abandoned Properties
- Rip Rap
- Solid Waste
- Swimming Pools & Spas