

Redington Beach Newsletter

January 2011



Redington Beach Town Hall, 105 164th Ave, Redington Beach, FL 33708

HOURS: Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

www.townofredingtonbeach.com

NOTICE: The town will be holding a workshop for the Clearwater Gas System on Tuesday, February 15, 2011, at 7:00 pm in Redington Beach Town Hall.

Topics will include:

Potential LP Conversions

Current Gas Line Locations

Updated Map

Requirements for Service/Gas Feasibility Outline

Energy Conservation Allowances Available

Mayor's Message

The first quarter of 2011, will see an improvement to our infrastructure. The streets and avenues will be milled and paved. This project is over due and we ask for your patience in dealing with inconveniences that may occur.

Your elected officials and town staff are committed to continue to make Redington Beach a great place to live.

We meet as a commission, on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month and I encourage you to attend and see your Town Government at work.

I wish all of you a healthy, and in these tough economic times, a good 2011.

Nick Simons, Mayor

Town Hall Holiday Closing Schedule 2011

May 30	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
September 5	Labor Day
November 11	Veteran's Day
November 24 & 25	Thanksgiving Day After
December 23 & 26	Christmas Eve Christmas Day

PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

By Mark A. Davis

The Town has received several complaints about rodents in the past couple of months. Here are a few tips that help keep the rodent population in check.

Rodents, (rats and mice) thrive in Florida's sub tropical climate and multiply at a very fast rate. It is often said by experts if you see one rat, you can count on at least 50 more in the area where seen. Since these animals are nocturnal, it's a good indication that if you are seeing them in the day light hours, there is an over population or infestation.

Rodents require three things, food, water, and most of all shelter. They usually live and nest in Palm Trees, piles of brush, wood and any other types of debris or clutter. This is why the Town has ordinances that prohibit junk and debris in yards, not to mention health concerns and the effects of property values. Rats and mice are also known carriers of several different diseases.

In the winter months, when we have cold fronts come through these animals will try to find a way into your attics and walls of your home. Sometimes at night you might hear them scratching inside the walls. Rats will eat almost anything. A common misconception is if you have fruit trees then you have rats. Basically these rodents are already here and if they have an opportunity to eat fruit they will if it is available, but they actually prefer other foods to oranges, lemons, grapefruits, etc.

The best way to control any rodents are to eliminate their shelter and food by not allowing different materials, brush, etc to accumulate in your yards and to keep them clean.

If you already have rodents, then poison is the best method of extermination, but it must be placed in bait stations where other wildlife cannot get to it. Traps are another alternative but they must be checked daily and disposed of if any have been killed.

Just remember the old saying: An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Block off any places where rodents may enter your home and keep a tidy yard.

Town Park News

Some of you will be pleased to know, the drinking fountain in the Town Park has been replaced and is in full operation.

A new fire engine has been added to the playground in the Town Park for toddlers.

A new addition donated by the Redington Beach Property Owner's Association has been ordered and is awaiting arrival. A sand digger will be installed in the southern playground in honor of Chase Brubaker, a young man from our Town who died in a terrible accident recently. Our prayers go out to his family and loved ones. A plaque will be placed in his honor.

The Town Park playground has been re-mulched and is in wonderful condition.

The new tetherball is getting a lot of use. Come out and try it.

Keystone Excavator's have been awarded the contract for the milling and resurfacing of the streets throughout the Town, a long overdue project.

A pre-construction meeting will be taking place at the end of this coming month at which time a start date will be chosen. If you know of any areas of special concern, please notify me. Currently we have several and are trying to make sure that we miss nothing.

I have notified all utility agencies in the county that have franchise agreements with the Town that they will no longer be permitted to dig up the streets without adhering to strict guidelines on the excavation, repairs, and restoration of any area they must work on. Also each agency will have a representative attend a meeting where these guidelines will be gone over with them and be passed as ordinances. Any non compliance will result in serious consequences. Residents will be notified in advance, prior to any construction taking place. The contractors will work with everyone as far as getting vehicles in and out and other miscellaneous issues. If you have any special concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Water Pressure Reduced as a Preventative Measure

Water pressure for all customers of Pinellas County Utilities has been lower than normal since the 48 inch water main break occurred on December 23, 2010. Even after the repair work was completed, the water pressure within the line has been reduced as a precaution to reduce the stress on this section of pipe and minimize the risk of further service interruptions. As this pipe is a major north-south transmission line, a significant portion of residents may see the effects of the reduced water pressure, but pressure will be maintained at sufficient levels to provide for fire protection.

Utility staff continues to study the issue through running water modes of the distribution system to determine potential solutions. Due to the weakened nature of this section of pipe, which prompted the replacement project, customers may not see a return to full water pressure until the project is complete. The project is scheduled to be completed in Fall 2011, and the unexpected rupture should not affect that timeline.

Customers in Dunedin, St. Petersburg, Belleair, South Pasadena and Gulfport are unaffected. Customers who receive their water bill from Clearwater, Oldsmar, Pinellas Park, and Tarpon Springs may not experience reduced pressure because those municipalities augment the pressure with their own water supplies in addition to purchasing water from Pinellas County.

SUMMARY FACT SHEET

MODIFIED PHASE I (Moderate Water Shortage) RESTRICTIONS

A "Phase I" declaration means that conditions are below normal and warrant alerting the general public and ordering water utilities and other water users to review and implement procedures as a means of preparing for possible additional action.

ALL WATER USERS: 1. Reduce indoor water use on a voluntary basis. 2. Test, repair and/or adjust each irrigation system to address broken pipes and other leaks, damaged or misaligned sprinkler heads, and other sources of water waste. 3. Continue to follow applicable year round water conservation measures (the District's maximum of twice per week lawn watering schedule and other provisions)* 4. Continue to follow any applicable Water Use Permit, including a review of current water conservation programs to assure that permit required elements have been fully implemented and to determine what additional demand management measures could be reasonably employed, should resource conditions further deteriorate.

ESSENTIAL USES, INCLUDING WATER UTILITIES: Each fire hydrant testing agency: review and update procedures for addressing District and citizen inquiries. Each fire fighting agency: review and revise inventory of primary and back up water resources. Each Water Utility ** shall: 1. Review and implement (working with code enforcement and law enforcement agencies as necessary) procedures for enforcing year round water conservation measures and water shortage restrictions.*** 2. Provide (directly or through the applicable local agency) the following enforcement assistance: immediate information to the District regarding possible violations involving a Water Use Permit holder, response to enforcement referrals made by the District (including, based on the quantity and quality of details provided, a site investigation when necessary), and the legal mechanisms necessary to pursue violations (issue warnings, citations, and post citation proceedings for penalties and associated costs). *** 3. Transmit enforcement activity data (number of warnings and citations issued) on a monthly basis. *** 4. Within 60 days of the Water Shortage declaration, provide contact information for the District's use in referring enforcement cases and soliciting required enforcement data. *** 5. Customer messaging which informs about the current Water Shortage Declaration, describes how primary and back up water supplies are affected, and promotes ongoing water conservation projects. 6. Develop and implement procedures through which it can address inquiries from the District and citizens about specific line flushing and disinfection activity.

* Stricter Local Ordinance may instead apply, so be sure to check with your city, county or water utility.

** A water utility is any "community water system" or a "wholesale system" as defined by Rule 62-550.200, FAC, whether a particular system is managed by a water supply authority, local government, (municipality, county, or division or enterprise of a municipality or county) or non governmental entity.

*** Does not apply to wholesale-only systems, such as a regional water supply authority.

If you have any questions about how these restrictions apply to your situation, please call 1-800-848-0499 during normal business hours or send an inquiry to water.restrictions@watermatters.org.

CRS: Community Rating System

By: Mark A. Davis

WHAT EVERY TOWN RESIDENT SHOULD KNOW REGARDING FLOOD SAFETY, FLOOD INSURANCE RATES, FLOOD INSURANCE AND FIRE SAFETY

FLOOD SAFETY: Local flooding could occur in the Town, as a result of storms and during high tides. Flooding is dangerous and can happen within a short period of time. Even though water appears to be moving slowly, a flood 6" deep moving at 3 ft./second can knock people off their feet, a flood 2 feet deep moving at the same velocity can float a car off the road. The message is clear; DO NOT attempt to walk or drive in flood conditions.

PROPERTY PROTECTION MEASURES: Protecting a property from flood damage include retrofitting , grading a yard, correcting local drainage problems and such emergency measures as moving furniture and sand bagging. In times of hurricanes and/or tropical storms measures to protect against high winds one should consider installing storm shutters and reinforced garage doors.

FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP (FIRM): The FIRM is a map published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency that is used by the County Building Department, realtors, lending institutions, architects, engineers, and surveyors to determine in which Flood Zone a particular property is located and the base flood elevation (BFE). This information is useful to engineers and architects in building design and insurance underwriters in rating flood insurance policies. Lending institutions are now legally required to mandate that property owners with mortgages must carry flood insurance on properties located in the flood zone. Since Redington Beach is a barrier island, the entire Town is designated a Special Flood Hazard Area and is located in either a VE or AE Zone. The town has several Base Flood Elevation (BFE) heights. The BFE is the height above mean sea level to which the lowest structural member/floor support of a new structure must be elevated to survive flooding so severe that its height is expected no more often than once in a hundred years. Information on the flood zone or the base flood elevation for your property can be obtained by calling the Redington Beach Town Hall at 727-391-3875 and/or checking the town website at www.townofredingtonbeach.com.

ELEVATION CERTIFICATES: All new construction or substantial improvement requires a surveyor's elevation certificate to document the height of the floor, structure, and equipment, as well as breakaway walls, or hydrostatic relief vents required in enclosures for garage storage below the BFE. The town maintains a file of these certificates, and can provide copies to anyone as per availability.

It should be noted that official file and elevation certificate information is what is used to determine insurance rates, or if enclosures or additions to living space have been made below flood level. These illegal enclosures or changes will not be covered by insurance; only permitted expansions documented as meeting codes will be covered. Elevation Certificate copies are on the Town web page.

FLOOD INSURANCE: The Town of Redington Beach participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and the Community Rating System (CRS) and currently has a rating of 8 with 10 being the lowest and 1 being the highest rating. Each rating below 10 gains property owners in Redington Beach a 5 % reduction in their flood insurance premiums. Since Redington Beach is currently rat at 8, residents enjoy a 10% reduction. If you haven't already done so, you need to advise your insurance agent that Redington Beach has a NFIP/CRS rating of 8 at this time, so you receive the proper discount. Insurance writers should know this, but it is best to check. Remember normal homeowners insurance does not cover flood damage. Also, you must have flood insurance to participate in some grant programs.

WHAT YOU CAN DO: The Town is graded by NFIP/CRS and awarded points for various activities ranging from adopting flood and storm drainage ordinances, educational projects, such as newsletters, for which we are allowed points. Some actions such as a mitigative retrofit and elevation of structures may qualify for grant monies.

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CRS Continued

Unfortunately, your elected officials and town staff cannot do it all. To a large extent, it depends on the cooperation and assistance of residents and property owners to make it work. Here are some ways you can help: keep erosion silt and trash out of drains—drains flow to the intracoastal waters and affect beaches.

As a participant in the NFIP and NPDES, the town has adopted ordinances on building construction, storm water drainage, filling, grading, and excavation. If you see any construction or excavating done without a permit posted, contact the building department.

There are numerous storm water inlets on public and private properties in town. The Public Works Department inspects these inlets on a biannual basis to determine if they are being maintained. If you see anyone dumping trash, lawn clippings, etc into these inlets contact the building department. If seen at night or weekends, contact the police department at 727-582-6200.

THE TOWN'S PART: Your elected officials, in an ongoing effort to keep the town safe from the dangers of flooding, have authorized or implemented the following: Redington Beach contracts with Pinellas County building Department. They stand ready to advise property owners, architects, and contractors regarding acceptable methods of flood proofing of proposed new construction or existing structures, and to assist with applications for grant monies (see below). It also has an extensive library on these subjects free of charge. In the event of a storm, flood proofing can be accomplished by sand bagging door openings, etc. (not hydrostatic relief) or building a berm around your property to protect it from flooding.

The Town Commission has named Mark Davis, Public Works Director as the Town's Emergency Management Coordinator and has adopted the Pinellas County Hurricane Evacuation Implementation Guide. In the event of a storm, some citizens are advised to stay tuned to WARM FM 94.9 as a primary source of storm data and WRBQ FM 104.7 as a secondary source. In the event of a hurricane, the Police Department receives regular updates from Pinellas County Emergency Management.

The Town adopted a Flood Management Plan, including requirements for the FEMA 50% Rule. This states that, if a property is damaged more than 50% or if an owner wants to make substantial improvements, which exceed 50% of the fair market value of the structure only (not including the land), the owner will be required to bring the building into compliance with NFIP regulations and town ordinance requirements for new construction. Literature on this is FREE of charge from the Town Hall and the Gulf Beaches Library in Madeira Beach, as well as online at the town's web site.

AVAILABLE GRANT PROGRAMS: Include: FMA (Flood Mitigation Assistance) RFC (Repetitive Flood Claims) SRL (Severe Repetitive Loss). Other information on retrofitting existing homes along with the above program information is available at Town Hall. For residents considering applying for grants it will be necessary to have the following items to determine eligibility and funding:

- Current Appraisal
- Current survey-site approval
- Current elevation certificate
- Recent estimate of construction costs to perform mitigation retrofits.

CRS CONTINUED

The Town can help once all of the information is gathered by electronically submitting the application.

FREE sand bags are available at Town Hall, each resident is allocated 20 bags. FREE of charge, FIRM information, hazardous recovery information and brochures are available at Town Hall and the Gulf Beaches Library in Madeira Beach. Check out the Town's web site for links to FEMA, STATE & COUNTY, AND EMERGENCY RESPONDERS.

BE ALERT FOR GAS LEAKS: Use a flashlight to inspect for damage. Don't smoke or use candles, lanterns, or open flames unless you know the gas has been turned off and the area has been ventilated. Before evacuating, make sure the gas has been turned off.

HOW YOU CAN CONTROL COMMON PESTS

ANTS:

Inside:

- Remove and clean up whatever ants are after.
- Follow the ant line and find out how they're getting in.
- Wipe up the ants and their trail with soap and water to destroy the ant scent.
- Caulk openings where the ants enter the house. Petroleum jelly in the cracks or duct tape is a quick, temporary fix.
- Apply diatomaceous earth or silica gel into cracks. Apply a fine dusting of these powders to entry points that can't be caulked.
- Apply boric acid powder in cracks and crevices (e.g. Roach Prufe), found in hardware and drug stores. It is a poison so be sure it is inaccessible to pets and children.
- Apply a pyrethrum product or a pyrethrin based insecticide to entry points as a repellent. Pyrethrin has low toxicity to mammals. Be aware that pyrethrin is often combined with other, more toxic pesticides. If possible, buy pyrethrin alone. But you will frequently find it mixed with piperonyl butoxide, a chemical that makes pyrethrin more toxic and longer lasting. Direct application to insects causes paralysis. Insects may or may not recover, depending on concentration and additives.
- Avoid the use of aerosol pesticides. It is more likely that you will breathe a pesticide if it is airborne.

Outside:

- Ants are generally beneficial in the garden, (they attack termites and eat the eggs of many pests, including fleas), so limit your ant control efforts to problem areas only.
- Apply a sticky coating several inches wide around the tree trunks and bush stalks to prevent climbing.
- Place ant baits in problem areas; Look for boric acid baits (e.g. Antrol Ant Killer or Drax) or Hydramethylnon baits. Both are insect stomach poisons, which have relatively low toxicity to mammals, but keep out of reach of children and pets. Less-toxic than arsenic baits.
- Destroy a nest that becomes a problem because it is located near your house, by drenching it with boiling water, insecticidal soap (potassium salts of fatty acids, e.g. Safer, Inc. or a pyrethrin solution, or dust the nest with diatomaceous earth.

Mosquitoes

- Screen all windows and doors.
- Remove all standing water near your house, (in tires, vases, barrels, wading pools). Critical step.
- Stock ornamental ponds with mosquito fish (about 2 1/2" available free from County Vector Control; they have a program to control mosquitoes.)

Did You Know?

Everyone loves to see pristine, clean, white sandy beaches, but are you aware of the benefits of how mother nature keeps things in check by allowing the tides to come in and go out, bringing with them various things from the Gulf such as sea grasses, marine life, etc, in which all of these things leave nutrients for sandy beach vegetation, food for marine sea birds and other forms of marine life.

Even the washed up marine debris is part of a delicate ecosystem and an intricate part of survival for the native creatures living in and around our gulf beaches.

Although we do have to clean our beaches, since they are now a part of "build on every available space", things such as red tide where large fish kills happen from time to time, health concerns require the removal of large kills, while smaller ones may be left for nature to take care of. Usually when heavy seaweed lines are left on the shore, they dry up and disintegrate or are washed back into the water if left alone for two or three weeks.

Please keep in mind, as we rake the seaweed, it must go back into the water where it came from. Only things such as lumber, trees, tires, crab traps, and various non organic or man made objects washed up are removed and disposed of.

Trash cans and recycling containers are located at each beach access point and each beach park. Please don't leave trash on the beach. Such trash can cause the death of endangered sea turtles, birds, manatees, and other forms of marine creatures. Remember, it is up to us to help heal the planet. We are merely the custodians of the land and sea. Chief Seattle once said "when the earth is sick, the animals begin to disappear, when that happens, the warriors of the rainbow will come to save them." Please don't pollute our beaches.

The Town's Public Works Department picks up trash and debris off the beach and empties all trash receptacles Mondays, Wednesday, and Fridays. The beach is raked on an as needed basis from the mean high tide line westward.

Each Wednesday, Beach Masonizing rakes from the seawalls westward for any residents who partake in this service.

RESIDENT PARKING TAGS!

Lo and behold, your hanging parking tag is expiring on March 1, 2011; bring your tag (s) and stop by Town Hall to pick up new date stickers. The numbered tags that are recorded for your car are not being replaced, just the date sticker updated. NEW stickers will be **BRIGHT YELLOW** and dated to expire March 1, 2013. IF you don't have a hanging parking tag, register for a residents tag. Guest passes are available at Town Hall as well. There is a 30 day grace period on time, so any time after March 1st. (Please note, the new stickers will not be available until February 28th.) Enjoy the beaches!!

A message from Sally Bishop, Director, Pinellas County Emergency Management.

We were very blessed this season that even though the predictions of a lot of storm activity came true, 19 names storms (3rd most in history) nothing came our way. Its now been 5 years with no major impacts to the State , and according to a long time local emergency manager, we have never gone six years in a row without something impacting Florida, so next year could very well be a season of importance for us.

In the mean time, a great deal has happened as we've all seen shrinking budgets and the loss of a lot of institutional knowledge with so many folks retiring or being RIF'd and none of that looks to be changing any time soon. So, while the challenges continue and we begin the six months of off season, I encourage all to look at where improvements can be made to plans, adjustments for staffing changes have to be made and assigning, training and exercising remaining human assets can be accomplished. With fewer and less experienced staff it becomes extremely critical that the remaining forces know what is expected when, and that they are trained to the extent possible as we are going to be relying on fewer people to accomplish the work. Communications, coordination, and support for each other will remain just as critical as it has ever been, if not more so. And just as important remembering we are all in this together regardless of the challenges, and that it will take all of our talents and strengths to remain prepared, will help us stay focused when we're in the midst of the difficulties that are here as well as those that are sure to come.

Emergency Management will be rolling out new items such as the Evacuation Implementation Guide, an updated CEMP (the State is expected to complete review/approve in the next months), continue drafting a Recovery Implementation Guide, assess and work on staffing and training issues, etc. I will be sharing what our major "To Do's" look like for the off season in the coming weeks.

So, Happy End of Hurricane Season! May you find it easy to fill the rest of the holiday season with joy and gratitude for the blessings we can so easily count, and may your coming year be filled with health, family and friends.

Overall crime in Redington Beach has decreased by 28% from prior year. However, car thefts are still occurring and the Sheriff's Department encourages all residents to keep their cars locked in order to avoid break ins.

Basic Services:

Police: Pinellas County Sheriff
Non Emergency.....727-582-6200

Fire:Non Emergency..... 727-391-3400

Police & Fire EMERGENCY ONLY: 911

Electric: Progress Energy727-443-2641
Water/Sewer.....727-464-4000
Brighthouse.....727-329-5020
Waste Services:.....727-572.6800
Clearwater Gas:.....727-699-1958

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Code Enforcement: Issues & Updates**By Mark A. Davis**

*From the desk of
... Mark A. Davis
DPW Director and Code
Enforcement Officer*

Code Enforcement Mission Statement

To ensure a safe, healthful environment consistent with community needs and Town Codes while striving for voluntary compliance and public awareness.

Code Enforcement Issues and Updates

For Code Enforcement Questions, contact Mark Davis, Code Enforcement Officer 391-3875

Since receiving your last newsletter, your commission has been busy updating several ordinances to better serve our community. One of which involves the protocol in how the different utility agencies go about digging, excavating and repairing our streets when repairs have to be made. In the future, the Town will require these utilities to notify us when, where, and what will be taking place. There will also be guidelines in place in how restoration will take place and what will be required.

Since the Town will soon be underway resurfacing and milling the Town's streets, now is the time to act so that we may prevent all the patch work, puddles, bumps, and depressions that have been caused in the past due to the lack of guidelines and coordination with the various agencies and town staff. This ordinance (11-01) has passed the first reading and will hopefully be finalized in February.

Also in the works is a new version of the Solicitation Ordinance 10-13, placement of air conditioning and screenings 10-12 to name a few.

Code Enforcement activity for 2010: 218 citations were issued and there were four court hearings. There are two rulings by the judge still pending on the Town's short term rental zoning laws that are scheduled for trial. There were 35 liens filed for 2010 for unpaid code violation fines, most of which have been paid. There were six minimal housing standards violations this year.

High grass exceeding 12 inches in height remains the top violation in Town with 50 citations issued for high grass alone for 2010. The second highest is expired tags and the third is utility trailers, which are prohibited to be parked outside of garage or enclosed carport and they must be out of view of the public.

Reminder: A 14 day temporary parking permit may be obtained from Town Hall for RV's and utility trailers at no charge one time per year.

Short term rentals are prohibited in Redington Beach. Anything under 181 days is considered short term.

No home may house more than 3 dogs or cats at any given time.

Utility trailers in open view of the public are prohibited. They must be parked in an enclosed garage or carport.

Putting anything other than rain water into a storm drain is prohibited by Federal Law.

Grass may not be permitted to grow to a height of 12 inches or over.

No construction is permitted on Saturdays or Sundays.

Parking on swales or altering them in any way is prohibited.

Redington Beach has adopted a minimal housing standards ordinance. For further information on this ordinance, you may go to Municode to view it in its entirety.

Code Enforcement Continued

You've seen them before, those ugly signs on street corners beckoning "Will Pay \$\$\$ for houses" or "Lose 30 pounds fast", or "Earn \$1,000.00 a week at home" among others. These are called snipe signs, street spam, and band it signs. They are illegal in every Florida municipality. Most zoning codes state "any signs placed on public property, including right of ways are prohibited." You can do a lot to stop street spam. Snipe signs are no different than any other litter you see strewn along the streets. As residents of Redington Beach, you have every right to pick up trash from the road or junk nailed to utility poles, including snipe signs. Let's keep our Town and streets beautiful. If any resident needs to post for a lost pet or an event, contact me and I will be more than happy to post them in the four town bulletin boards that are located at 160th beach park, 157th Lift Station, Town Park and 161st Causeway. President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Highway Beautification Act on October 22, 1965, wanting to make sure that the America we see from our highways is a beautiful America. "Beauty belongs to all the people".

NPDES: NATIONAL POLLUTION DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM

If you are a regular reader of our Town's quarterly newsletters, you will have noticed in each issue, the section titled NPDES. As I have mentioned previously, the Town of Redington Beach is required by the EPA to educate our residents of the importance of not polluting our environment. Since Redington Beach is a water front, coastal community that directs storm water directly into a federal body of water, (Boca Ciega Bay) it is crucial for everyone to take part in keeping our natural resources clean and healthy, not only for ourselves, but also for generations to come after us. If we are unable to live in harmony with nature, how can we continue to exist?

STORM WATER RUN OFF

- Direct downspouts and gutters to drain onto the lawn, plant beds or containment areas.
- Plant groundcovers or use mulch on thinly vegetated areas to decrease erosion.
- Use mulch, bricks, flagstones, gravel, or other porous surfaces on walkways, patios, or drives.
- Collect and use rainwater to irrigate plants.
- Create swales or terracing to catch and filter storm water.
- Pick up after pets to reduce bacterial and nutrient pollution in storm drain systems.
- Clean up oil spills and leaks using cat litter on driveways.
- Sweep grass clippings, fertilizers, and soil from driveways onto lawns. Remove trash from street gutters.

ON THE WATERFRONT

- Remove invasive exotic aquatic plants by cutting, pulling, or raking. Remove dead plant material from water after using herbicides to reduce pollution.
- Protect your mangroves. All pruning must be in compliance with existing laws.
- Establish a border of low maintenance plants between your lawn and shoreline/seawall to absorb nutrients and to provide wildlife habitat.
- Establish a 10-30 foot "no fertilizer" zone along your shoreline.
- Where feasible, plant native vegetation in the littoral zone in front of your seawall or along shoreline.
- Decrease wave action and increase habitat by placing clean, native limestone rock in front of your seawall.

NPDES NATIONAL POLLUTION DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM

All storm drains in the Town flow directly into Boca Ciega Bay. It is a crime to dispose of or to dump anything other than clean water into the Town's drainage system. If you are aware of any illicit discharges into the storm sewers, please contact Town Hall or Code Enforcement at 727-391-3875. We are all custodians of our environment, let's do our part. Please do not contaminate our Bay and surrounding waters or the Gulf of Mexico by putting chemicals, waste water, or anything else other than rain water into any of the storm drains. Illicit dumping affects marine life negatively, which in turn has a great impact on us humans as well. Any suspicious activity should be directed to Pinellas County Sheriff's office, Pinellas County Environment Department or Redington Beach Code Enforcement.

Hazardous Waste Disposal Resources

Pinellas County Utilities

Household Electronics & Chemical Collection Center

2990 10th Ave N

St. Petersburg, FL 33716

Phone: 727-464-7565

Fax: 727-464-7713

To report illegal disposal of hazardous materials or chemicals, call FL Department of Environmental Protection at 813-744-6100, Tampa, 941-332-6975 Fort Meyers, or 407-894-7555 Orlando

For information on local sites, for biomedical waste items, call your local county health department.

For information on local oil recycling sites, call 800-741-4337.

For information on safe handling or disposal of pesticides, call your local county cooperative extension service, Florida Pest Control Association at 800-426-4829, Florida Bureau of Entomology and Pest Control at 904-727-6590, or the National Pesticide Telecommunications Network at 800-858-7378.

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**NPDES: NATIONAL POLLUTION DISCHARGE
ELIMINATION SYSTEM****"ADOPT-A-STREET" Registration Form**

Volunteer's Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

HELP KEEP YOUR COMMUNITY BEAUTIFUL

If you would like to participate in the Adopt a Street Program, gloves and trash bags will be provided. Drop off locations will be assigned where to leave the removed litter.

NPDES CONTINUED



Do you notice the potential for an illicit discharge to occur in the photo shown above? Can you see that the area is sloped towards a drop inlet located in the right of way? Vehicles in need of repair and possibly leaking automotive fluids are parked in the street as well as on the property adjacent to the inlet. There is a lot to look at in these photos. The dewatering pump is discharging relatively clean water (via well points) into the swale, which is acceptable. Do you notice the unsecured pile of dirt situated adjacent to the swale as well as the oil leaking out of the pump onto the sidewalk?

This is just a glimpse of the many illicit discharge scenarios that occur throughout the County. Giving us a call when you see a potential illicit discharge may help to reduce or prevent pollution in our waterways.

Contact Information for possible illicit discharges 727-391-3875

FREE for Residents of
Pinellas County.

Household/Business Electronics & Chemical
Mobile Collection
2011 Schedule

FREE for Residents of
Pinellas County.

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

January 29	East Lake High School, 1300 Silver Eagle Drive
February 5	Dunedin High School, 1651 Pinehurst Road
February 19	Seminole Home Depot, 10550 Park Blvd
March 5	St. Petersburg Home Depot, 2300 22nd Ave N
March 12	Clearwater Home Depot, 2495 Gulf to Bay Blvd
March 19	Largo Home Depot, 10689 Ulmerton Road
April 9	Palm Harbor University High School, 1900 Omaha St
April 16	Tarpon Springs High School, 1411 Gulf Road
May 7	Oldsmar Municipal Services Center, 300 Commerce Blvd
May 14	Indian Rocks Beach City Hall, 1507 Bay Palm Blvd Treasure Island Community Center, 1 Park Place
September 10	Largo Recycling Collection Center, 1551 Starkey Road
September 24	Gulfport Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Blvd
October 1	St. Petersburg Home Depot 2070 Tyrone Blvd
October 8	Safety Harbor Public Works, 1200 Railroad Ave
October 22	Palm Harbor/Countryside Home Depot, 30144 US Hwy 19
November 5	The Market Place of St. Petersburg, 3951 34th St S

WHAT TO BRING:

Chemicals: Automotive fluids, cleaners, cooking oil, fertilizers, fluorescent bulbs, herbicides, household batteries, insecticides, motor oil, paint, paint remover, paint thinner, pool chemicals, solvents and vehicle batteries.

Electronics: TV's, VCR's, CD, or DVD players, computers, including monitors, keyboards, CPU's, mice, laptops, speakers printers, scanners, camcorders, cell phones, copiers, digital cameras, fax machines, GPS units, microwave ovens, telephones, and printer and toner cartridges.