

LIGHTS OUT!!!

IT'S TURTLE SEASON—NESTING SEASON
MAY 1ST—AUGUST 31ST



IT'S TURTLE SEASON—HATCHING SEASON
JULY 1ST—OCTOBER 31ST

This is a friendly reminder that beach front lighting should be turned off during turtle season. It is the code of the Town of Redington Beach to minimize artificial light illuminating areas of the beach. No artificial light source shall illuminate areas where it may deter adult female sea turtles from nesting or disorient hatchlings. Redington Beach has a Sea Turtle lighting ordinance, Sec. 4.9. If you have any questions or concerns about beach front lighting during turtle season please call Town Hall 727-391-3875.

NESTING TIPS: Should you encounter a nesting female, stay far behind so she cannot see you. Do not make any noise, or shine lights. This will frighten her (no flash photos).

HATCHLING TIPS: If you see a nest hatching **DO NOT** touch the hatchlings or attempt to release them. **DO NOT** expose hatchlings to white light or photographic flashes. Call Nesting Supervisor at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium at 1-888-239-9414 ext. 224.

ADDITIONAL WAYS YOU CAN HELP: During season please remove beach furniture nightly. Nesting turtles can become trapped on items left on the beach. Remove trash from the beach (sea turtles will eat plastic bags as they resemble jelly fish). Volunteer to nest sit during hatching season.

Florida Fish & Wildlife Conversation Commission Law Enforcement 888-404-FWCC Marine Animal Stranding 24 hour hotline 888-9414-ext. 234. Report all turtle Sightings to 888-239-9414 ext. 224.

DO NOT disturb or handle sea turtles, eggs or nest. All are violations of both Federal and State Laws. Sea Turtle, nests and hatchlings may only be handled by those with a permit from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Sea turtles are protected under the endangered species Act by Florida State Law. Penalties for interfering with Sea Turtles can be severe.

TOWN OF REDINGTON BEACH RECYCLING COLLECTION

Recyclable items are collected once per week on Thursday. Please place recyclable materials at the curb before 7:00 AM

Pinellas County 2015 Recycling Directory is now available at Town Hall.



Basic Services:

- Police: Pinellas County Sheriff
 - Non Emergency.....727-582-6200
- Fire: Non Emergency..... 727-391-3400
- Police & Fire EMERGENCY ONLY: 911
- Water/sewer Pinellas County Utilities.....727-464-4000
- Electric Duke Energy.....877-372-8477
- Cable Brighthouse..... 727-329-5020
- Trash Progressive Solutions.....727-572-6800
- Gas Clearwater Gas.....727-562-4980

Hours: Monday to Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Both the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk are notaries. Notary services are provided FREE of charge to town residents.

All Board of Commission Meetings are held in the Town Assembly Hall the first and third Tuesday's beginning at 7:00 pm, unless otherwise posted.

All Board of Adjustment: Third Thursday of each month at 7:00pm

Planning Board: Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm

Park & Recreation Board: First Monday of each month at 10:00 am

Trash collection is provided on Tuesday's and Friday's with recycling on Thursday's. Recycling bins are available at Town Hall.

Redington Beach Newsletter

JUNE 2015



CELEBRATING 70 YEARS !!!!!

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

Phone: 727-391-3875

Fax: 727-397-6911

Mayor's Message

Redington Beach Residents,

What's going on around the Town..?

Seawall project

At the Commissioners meeting on 2nd June, 2015, we selected Enterprise Marine Contractors to replace the north side seawall on 161st Avenue Causeway. The money to do so had been in a reserve account. It will be approximately same height and width as the South side of the Causeway that was replaced in 2005.

Redington Beach Town Park upgrades

In conjunction with the Redington Beach Park Board and with the acquisition of the two lots south of the park, you will start to notice some improvements. The entire park in now fenced, and sail shades will soon protect the playground users and equipment from the sun and heat. Through a memorial donation on behalf of the Robert Yount family a 2nd picnic shelter will be added. New irrigation and plantings will also enhance the park. Finally we hope to add some adult exercise equipment in the future.

On behalf of the Town Commission and Staff, we wish all of our residents a safe summer.

Sincerely,
Nick Simons

WATERING RESTRICTIONS FOR 2015, PLEASE SEE
PINELLAS COUNTY UTILITIES WEBSITE @ pinellascounty.org

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. The code enforcement officer provides interpretation and enforcement of all town ordinances and policies. Responds to citizen complaints and concerns. Researches and determines nature and severity of violation. Establishes remedial action and time required for code compliance. Maintains records necessary for effective, legal enforcement. Processes code cases through re-inspections, proper notification, and schedule for code enforcement board hearings. Reviews codes as necessary for revision/amendments in keeping with community needs. Provide town wide surveillance, surveys, and studies to monitor compliance and effectiveness of codes.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

EXCERPTS - CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 12-2 NUISANCES

“It shall be unlawful:

- (1) To allow, suffer or permit palmetto scrub, weeds, vines, bushes, grass, thistles or other rank or noxious vegetable growth to grow or otherwise accumulate upon any premises within the Town or upon right-of-ways adjacent to such property, regardless of whether such premises are occupied or unoccupied.
(2) To allow, suffer or permit any building or structure which by act of God, fire, decay or other cause may become structurally dangerous, unsafe, dilapidated or unsanitary to remain (in such condition) without forthwith doing and performing all things necessary to cause such building or structure to be reconstructed, restored, torn down or removed, in conformity with applicable laws or regulations of the Town which may be applicable in respect thereto.
(3) To allow or permit or fail to remove anything which might be considered unsanitary by keeping, maintaining, allowing to exist or permitting anything whereby the life or health of any person may be threatened or impaired or by which or through which, directly or indirectly, disease may be caused or the environment of any person rendered unclean or unwholesome.
(4) To allow the owner or occupant or family member of any residential living unit in any residential or commercial area of the Town to park or store or keep upon his premises, in the open or in the street or area adjacent thereto, any vehicle which is not in mechanical operating condition for immediate locomotion under its own power, or any derelict or junk vehicle, or to create or permit the use of any part of his premises to be used for the storage or parking or the presence thereon of any motor vehicle not bearing a current inspection sticker and currently licensed and registered and not mechanically capable of immediate operation under its own automotive power, or to permit the storage upon the property of rubbish, old cars or old unlicensed boats or old trailers or parts of trailers, or any other materials thereof.

Town Ordinance 2014-01, Section 6—283 and 284, Article X, Fences Walls and Hedges and Chapter 12, Nuisances, Article III Trees, Shrubs and Vegetation has been amended for clarification. It was passed by the Board of Commissioners on the final reading, February 18th 2014. Though it was sufficiently clear and enforceable it was amended to provide a greater clarity.

COURTESY NOTICES

Courtesy notices are issued as a reminder to residents that a 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 the Town. If appropriate, we will try our best to work with you.

CONSTRUCTION

Please remember, during construction, at all times, a debris container shall be kept at or on the construction site. The area must be kept in clean, neat and orderly condition at all times until completion and the site is returned to its pre-construction condition. Trash pick ups through your normal service are not acceptable or permitted. The Town has been asked to remind residents that their crews will not pickup construction rubble from construction sites.

No construction is permitted on Saturday’s or Sunday’s (substantial) This includes erection, excavating, demolition, alteration or repair of any building.

For ALL new construction and major alterations a drainage site plan drawn by a registered or licensed architect or engineer shall be submitted prior to issuance of a building permit (Section 6-59) This is so no additional rainwater is ending up on an abutting neighbors property creating flood conditions.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENTCont’d

Shelters with Special Needs



Pet Friendly Shelters



North Pinellas County Shelters

- 1. Tarpon Springs Middle School, 501 N Florida Ave., Tarpon Springs.
2. Brooker Creek Elementary School, 3130 Forelock Rd., Tarpon Springs.
3. East Lake High School, 1300 Silver Eagle Dr., Tarpon Springs.
4. Carwise Middle School, 3301 Bentley Dr., Palm Harbor.
5. Palm Harbor University High School, 1900 Omaha St, Palm Harbor.
6. Palm Harbor Middle School, 1800 Tampa Rd., Palm Harbor.
7. Dunedin Community Center, 1920 Pinehurst Rd., Dunedin.
8. Dunedin Highland Middle School, 70 Patricia Ave., Dunedin.



- 9. Dunedin Elementary School, 900 Union St N, Dunedin.
10. McMullen Booth Elementary School, 900 Union St N, Dunedin.
11. Safety Harbor Middle School, 901 1st Ave., N, Safety Harbor.
12. Clearwater Fundamental Middle School, 1600 Palmetto St., Clearwater.
13. Skycrest Elementary School, 10 N Corona Ave., Clearwater.
14. Belleair Elementary School, 1156 Lakeview Rd, Clearwater.
15. Ross Norton Community Center, 1426 S Martin Luther King Jr. Ave, Clearwater.



- 16. Oak Grove Middle School, 1370 S Belcher Rd, Clearwater.

South Pinellas County Shelters

- 17. High Point Elementary School, 5921 150th Avenue North, Clearwater
18. Pinellas Park High School, 6305 118th Avenue North, Clearwater.
19. Bauder Elementary School, 12755 86th Avenue North, Seminole.
20. John Sexton Elementary School, 1997 54th Ave. N, St. Petersburg.
21. Lealman Intermediate School, 4900 28th St N, St. Petersburg.
22. Northside Baptist Church, 6000 38th Ave. N, St. Petersburg.
23. New Heights Elementary School, 3901 37th St. N, St. Petersburg.
24. St. Petersburg High School, 2501 5th Ave. N, St Petersburg.
25. Fairmount Park Elementary School, 575 41st St. S, St Petersburg.
26. Boca Ciega High School, 924 58th St. S, Gulfport.
27. Gibbs High School, 850 34th St S, St Petersburg.
28. John Hopkins Middle School, 701 16th St. S, St. Petersburg.
29. Campbell Park Elementary School, 1051 7th Ave. S, St. Petersburg.
30. Jamerson Elementary School, 1200 37th St S, St. Petersburg.
31. Gulfport Elementary School, 2014 52nd St. S, Gulfport.
32. Thurgood Marshall Middle School, 3901 22nd Ave. S, St. Petersburg.
33. James Sanderlin Elementary School, 2350 22nd Ave. S, St. Petersburg.



Redington Beach
Emergency Request for Special Assistance/Transportation
(Must be submitted annually)
DATE: _____
NAME: _____ AGE: _____
STREET ADDRESS: _____
PHONE: _____
HEARING IMPAIRED (Y/N): _____
CONTACT PHONE # _____ RELATIONSHIP: _____
CITIZEN NEED (be specific): _____
OXYGEN REQUIRED (Y/N): _____ LITERS PER MINUTE: _____
DEPENDENT ON LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEM (Y/N): _____
CAN WALK w/o ASSISTANCE (Y/N): _____ WITH ASSISTANCE: _____
REQUIRE A WHEEL CHAIR (Y/N): _____ BEDRIDDEN (Y/N): _____
Can be moved via wheelchair (Y/N): _____ HAS WHEEL CHAIR: _____
People to Accompany: _____ Relationship: _____
Request submitted by: _____ Relationship: _____

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENTCont'd

Preparing for a hurricane....Disaster Supply Kit Con'd

- Mosquito repellent & citronella candles
- Fire extinguisher (small canister, ABC type)
- First aid book and kit including bandages, antiseptic, tape, compresses, aspirin and aspirin-free pain reliever, anti-diarrhea medication, antacid, and important numbers (i.e. Poison Control Center, Non Emergency Fire and Rescue, and Non-Emergency Sheriff's Office numbers)
- Instant tire sealer
- Whistle and /or distress flag
- Cooler(s)
- Plastic tarp, screening, tools and nails, etc.
- Water purification kit (tablets, chlorine (plain) and iodine)
- Infant necessities (medicine, sterile water, diapers, ready formula, bottles)

Hurricane season does not end until NOVEMBER. If you have special needs during a hurricane or storm, make sure you are signed up for the Special Needs Assistance Program.

A copy of this form is on page 11 of this newsletter. Evacuation Route: Redington Beach **SOUTH** on Gulf Blvd, Tom Stewart Causeway, Madeira Beach.

Where to Go: 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 ALLOWED.** The closest shelter accepting pets is Oak Grove Middle School in Clearwater. Find out where to take your pet now. Your veterinarian can advise you. A few shelters allow you to bring a pet, but there are restrictions. Service dogs are allowed in regular shelters and motels.

Please keep in mind, the Town will no longer offer bags or sand. It has been found thru extensive studies, this technique does not effectively keep flood waters from entering your home. There are various other techniques that actually work much better and can be found on websites by entering flood protection and prevention techniques on your search engines.

Pinellas County Emergency Management has performed extensive studies seeking more efficient ways of keeping flood waters out. The 2015 Atlantic hurricane season started on 1st June, that means that now is the perfect time to complete your plans to survive a storm. This includes building your survival kit, finding your evacuation level and updating your list of important phone numbers.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND WEBSITES

Pinellas County Emergency Management (727) 464-3800 www.pinellascounty.org/emergency

Find your evacuation level (727) 453-3150 www.Pinellascounty.org/emergency/knowyourzone.htm

Register for special needs transportation (727) 464-3800 / www.pinellascounty.org/forms/special-needs.htm

PINELLAS COUNTY RESIDENTS NOW GET FIRST CALL

With a new hurricane season comes a new, more capable emergency alert system. Pinellas County's FirstCall service is free to county residents and gives emergency managers multiple ways to get the word out whenever an emergency situation arises. Residents simply register their contact information with the FirstCall, and an automated message will be sent to alert subscribers of potentially hazardous situations.

Each member of the subscriber's household who would like to receive emergency notifications can register. The FirstCall network allows emergency managers to send out alerts to the county as a whole or to smaller, more specific geographic areas.

When activated, the automated system will call registered land lines and cellphones and send email and text messages, giving users the maximum opportunity to receive the message.

Residents can sign up for this service by visiting <https://alertregistration.com/PinellasCoFLEMS/> or calling (866) 484-3264. All contact information will remain protected and confidential.

Due to the change to FirstCall from our previous automated calling system, residents will need to re-register to receive these new alerts. The data which was collected through the old Citizen Notification Service System will be kept and used until December 31st.

For more information on Pinellas County services and programs, visit www.pinellascounty.org to create a shortcut to www.pinellascounty.org/mobile on any smart phone. Pinellas County government is on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. Pinellas County complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

CODE ENFORCEMENT—NUISANCES CONT'D

Recently there have been numerous resident complaints of dogs in the Parks. Please be aware it is unlawful for any person to bring, have or allow any animals in the Parks recreation areas, or on the beach (Town ordinance: Section 4-3) It is also required of anyone walking their dogs to have them on a leash at all times (Section 4-5).

Spring is here and your vegetation is now out of its dormant stage and will soon be growing vigorously once again. Since this is always a constant complaint of Town residents and as it is also a Town Ordinance, No grass or weeds shall be permitted to remain over twelve inches in height. (Section 12-2(8).) Please make arrangements to have your lawns mowed if going out of town. It's easy to forget how fast things grow here in Florida.

REMINDER: If you have a landscaper trimming trees, bushes, hedges etc., it is THEIR responsibility to remove these items. **Please do not leave on the curb.** The trash company will not haul huge piles of garden debris over 50lbs in weight.

Trailers and boats are another top ordinance violation. It shall be unlawful for any person to place or park more than one boat or one boat trailer, or any combination thereof, upon any residentially zoned lot, piece or parcel of land in the town. Placing or parking such equipment upon any right-of-way or easement within the town is expressly prohibited. (Section, 21-47).

Are you aware that your home address must be placed where they can be seen. Imagine a life or death situation occurs and the emergency response have to waste precious moments trying to figure out the home address for the lack of numbers posted. Section 6-4 requires all structures to display the address on the mailbox or on the front of the structure where it can be seen.

NPDES: NATIONAL POLLUTION DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM

The Stormwater Management Program is part of the NPDES Program. It's purpose is to reduce the discharge of pollutants to the maximum extent practical to and from the Town's Municipal Storm Sewer or Water System using management practices, control techniques, system design and engineering methods and other provisions that are appropriate. In simple terms, the program was mandated by the EPA and was implemented by the Town in 1997 to reduce pollutants entering our waterways and drinking water supply. The Town uses several methods to accomplish this task, all of which have been authorized and approved by the EPA. Swales, CDS units, grassy areas, retention and detention areas, silt fencing, booming, cofferdams and street sweeping are just a few of the ways that are utilized for reducing contaminants prior to entering our waterways. Several years of planning took place prior to receiving our Stormwater permit in which we have to adhere to and enforce and be able to provide the documentation of compliance by the Town with the proof of enforcement. It is the hope that through these quarterly newsletters, readers are more conscientious of the importance of keeping our environment free of pollution and harmful contaminants. As care takers of this land, it is important we all do our part not only for ourselves, but for generations to come.

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: NATIONAL POLLUTION DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM CONT'D...

The water quality portion of the NPDES permit requires that construction projects be designed as such that discharges meet water quality standards of the Florida Administrative Code. New development and redevelopment often increases the impervious land surface which leads to increased pollutant levels in the stormwater runoff. Any person who wishes to engage in land development or redevelopment activities must submit a plan (drainage site plan) clearly identifying the proposed storm water management provision and facilities. All drainage plans submitted for review and approval must include a description of those measures which will be taken to provide adequate control of the quality of runoff water. The site plan must also provide provisions for adequate control of erosion and sedimentation.

Section 6-66. Compliance with NPDES requirements.**A Compliance standards**

- (1) New building construction within any zoning district in the town shall conform to the provisions of the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requirements of the United States Environmental Protection Agency as more specifically set forth in the NPDES permit issued to the Town.
- (2) The Town's certified stormwater management inspector shall, at all times during building construction or development, ensure that construction and contractors maintain a system for control of construction site erosion, sediment and water run-off.
 - (a) Each building site plan for construction shall be reviewed to include the system or method to be used by the contractor to eliminate or control erosion and sediment at the construction site and potential pollution of the town's stormwater collection system.
 - (b) The certified stormwater management inspector shall periodically inspect each construction site to ensure that the site does not cause erosion or sediment that may result in a discharge into the stormwater system.
 - (c) The certified stormwater management inspector shall maintain detailed records of all site plans and inspections of construction sites in the town for compliance with the town's NPDES Permit, and shall report such data to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Agency for NPDES reporting purposes.
 - (d) The certified stormwater management inspector shall report to the mayor all notices of violation or stop work orders issued by the certified stormwater management inspector and to any contractor or property owner for non-compliance with the provisions of this section.

B Enforcement

- (1) *Stop-work order; other penalty.* In the event that any person holding a site development permit pursuant to this Code violates the terms of the permit, or implements site development in such a manner as to materially adversely affect the health, welfare or safety of persons residing or working in the neighborhood or at the development site so as to be materially detrimental to the public's welfare or injurious to property or improvements in the neighborhood, the certified stormwater management inspector shall issue a "Stop Work" order upon ascertainment of any violation of this section or other law pertaining hereto until such time as the condition that caused the "Stop Work" order has been, in the opinion of the certified stormwater management inspector, corrected.
- (2) *Violation and penalties.* No person shall construct, enlarge, alter, repair or maintain any grading, excavation or fill, or cause the same to be done, contrary to or in violation of any of the terms of this Code. Any person violating any of the provisions of this section of this Code shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and each day during which any violation of any of the provisions of this section of this Code is committed, continued or permitted, shall constitute a separate offense. Upon conviction of any such violation, such person, partnership or corporation shall be punished as provided for elsewhere in this Code for misdemeanors of the third degree. In addition to any other penalty authorized by this section, any person, partnership or corporation convicted of violating any of the provisions of this section of this Code shall be required to bear the cost and expense of restoring the site to a condition acceptable to the certified stormwater manager.
 - (a) For all new construction and major alterations, a drainage plan drawn by registered or licensed architect or engineer shall be submitted as part of the package submitted to the building department prior to issuance of a building permit.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENTCont'd**AS THE STORM APPROACHES**

- Secure or bring inside such outdoor items as patio furniture, kids' slides and power mowers.
- Turn off propane tanks. Shut off other utilities if emergency officials advise you to do so.

EVACUATE IF YOU :

- Are directed by local authorities advising you to do so.
- Live in a mobile home, a high-rise building, on the coast, a floodplain, near a river, or an inland waterway, or otherwise feel your will be in danger.

IF YOU ARE TOLD TO EVACUATE:

- Turn off all utilities if authorities advise you to do so
- Don't delay in evacuating once you get word to leave.
- Stick to designated evacuation routes. If you need help, this is the most likely place to find it.
- Take your most reliable vehicle and avoid taking multiple vehicles that create gridlock.

IF YOU CANNOT EVACUATE AND ARE STAYING IN YOUR HOME:

- Go to a safe indoor place for refuge, such as an interior room, closet, or hallway. Stay downstairs only if you are not in a flood prone or storm surge area.
- Do not go outdoors during the storm, even in its early stages. Flying debris is extremely dangerous.
- Close all doors, brace external doors, stay clear of windows and keep curtains and blinds shut.
- If necessary take cover under a heavy table, or under something protective.
- Don't be tricked by a sudden lull in the storm, it may be the "eye" passing over. The storm will resume.

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE STORM:

- Use extreme caution going out of doors. Be alert for downed power lines, broken glass and damage to building

foundations, streets and bridges and coastal or hillside erosion.

- Stay on firm ground. Moving water 6 inches deep can sweep you off your feet. Standing water may be electrically charged from power lines.
- Once home, check gas, water, electrical lines and appliances for damage.
- Use a flashlight to inspect for damage. Never use candles or other open flames indoors.
- When using a generator, avoid electrocution hazards by following manufacturers instructions and standard electrical code.
- Do not drink tap water until you know it is safe.

THE RECOVERY PROCESS:

- For direct assistance to individuals and families contact the American Red Cross or other local voluntary agencies.
- Check newspapers, television, or radio news for information on disaster assistance available.
- If you have property damage, contact your insurance company as soon as possible.
- For information on helping children deal with disaster, visit www.fema.gov or get a copy of FEMA 478 *Helping Children Cope with Disaster*. To obtain other fact sheets and publications call the FEMA publication warehouse at 1-800-480-2520. You can also visit DHS' www.ready.gov.

Preparing for a hurricane....Disaster Supply Kit

Here are the most important items for your Disaster Supply Kit. Stock up today and store in a water-resistant container. Replenish as necessary.

Two weeks supply of prescription medicines

- Seven day supply of non perishable/special dietary foods
- Drinking water / containers 1 gallon / per person / per day (minimum 7 days)
- Flashlights and batteries for each member of the family
- Portable radio and batteries

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - As another Hurricane and Tropical storm season approaches, now is the time to start taking precautions. Please familiarize yourselves with much of the enclosed material and definitely do not wait until the last minute. Lives are lost every year due to these powerful forces of nature and millions of dollars of damage is often the result of these storms. As always, be prepared and have a plan. Know where you will go if an evacuation is ordered, know where you can take your pets and by all means do not take any unnecessary things that could endanger you or your family's lives. Stay safe.

HURRICANES— Hurricanes are violent storms which bring intense winds, heavy rain, a storm surge, floods, coastal erosion, landslides and tornadoes. While it is difficult to predict the exact time, place and force of hurricanes, residents of the Atlantic and Gulf Coast states must be prepared. The season for hurricanes is June through November, with most hurricanes occurring mid-August to late October. Each season, on average, six hurricanes form in the Atlantic Ocean of which two become major hurricanes.

KNOW YOUR RISK WHAT TO DO

- Contact your local emergency management office to learn about evacuation routes and emergency plans
- Get additional information from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (www.fema.gov), Citizen's Corps (www.citizencorps.gov), the American Red Cross (www.redcross.org) and NOAA's National Hurricane Center (www.nhc.noaa.gov).
- Buy flood insurance. Anyone can get flooded, even if you don't live in a designated flood zone. There is a 30-day waiting period before activation of flood insurance policies. Homeowners insurance does not cover flood damage. Ask your insurance agent or go to www.floodsmart.gov.
- Inquire about emergency plans and procedures at your child's school and at your workplace.
- Make a family disaster plan that includes out-of-town contacts and locations to reunite if you become separated. Be sure everyone knows home, work and cell phone numbers and how to call 9-1-1.

Assemble a disaster supplies kit with food, water, medical supplies, battery-powered radio and NOAA Weather Radio batteries, flashlights and other items that will allow you to get by for 3 days after a hurricane hits.
- Gather important documents such as birth and marriage certificates, social security cards, passports, wills, deeds and financial and insurance records. Store them in a fire and flood proof safe or safe deposit box.

PREPARE YOUR HOME BEFORE THE STORM

- Install permanent wooden or metal storm shutters or board up windows with 5/8" marine plywood.
- Install metal straps or hurricane clips to securely fasten your roof to the frame structure.
- Trim trees and clear rain gutters and downspouts.
- Plan ahead for protection of pets and livestock. For information go to www.fema.gov and search "Pet Owners".

AS THE STORM APPROACHES

- Remember that a **Hurricane Watch** means the onset of hurricane conditions is possible within 36 hours; a **Hurricane Warning** means the onset of hurricane conditions is likely within 24 hours.
- Have a full tank of gas in a vehicle, cash and your disaster supply kit ready to go.
- Make sure every family member carries or wears identification.
- Listen to the radio or television and NOAA Weather Radio for Hazards on current information and be prepared to act quickly.
- Turn refrigerator and freezer to maximum cold and keep closed.
- Secure your boat or move it to a safer mooring.
- Fill the bathtub and other large containers with water for bathing, flushing toilets and cleaning, but do not drink this water.

NPDES: NATIONAL POLLUTION DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM CONT'D...

- (b) The drainage plan shall indicate the installation of proper erosion and sediment controls required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) that are to be implemented as construction sites to control contribution of pollutants to the municipal storm sewer system by stormwater discharges from construction activities. All site drainage runoff must run only through established drainage structures so as to prevent excess or excessive water from gathering on the site or on surrounding properties to prevent flooding on the site and adjacent properties

Landscape and Fertilizer Tips for Homeowners and Those Who Hire Lawn Services

Here are tips to protect water resources:

Fertilizer

- Do not apply fertilizer before heavy rain.
- Use a slow-release nitrogen fertilizer product.
- Always read and follow instructions.
- Apply no more than the maximum amounts of nitrogen and phosphorus.
- Only fertilize twice per year, only during the growing season. Do not fertilize from June 1st to September 30th.
- Use a deflector shield on all broadcast fertilizer spreaders.
- Keep fertilizer and pesticides off sidewalks and driveways and out of water bodies.

Protect the waterfront

- Fertilizers should not be applied by either professional applicators or homeowners within 10 feet of a water body (such as a bay, lake, stream, canal, wetland or pond) unless a deflector shield is used. With a deflector shield, fertilizer may be applied within 3 feet of a water body.
- Waterfront property owners should establish a 6 foot low maintenance or "no mow" zone adjacent to water bodies to reduce the potential for fertilizer residues entering bodies of water.

STORM WATER RUNOFF

Direct downspouts and gutters to drain onto the lawn, plant beds, or containment areas.
Plant groundcover 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 stormwater.
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, fertilizer, and soil from driveway onto lawn. Remove trash from street gutters.

Mowing

- Mow your grass regularly and at the highest recommended height so that clippings and their nutrients can be recycled.
- Keep lawn mower blades sharp.

Cleanup

- Leave short lawn clippings on the lawn. They provide nutrients to your lawn and result in a 20-30 percent reduction in fertilizer use.
- Keep grass clippings, vegetable material, and vegetative debris away from storm drains, ditches, conveyances, water bodies and roadways.
- Never hose down chemical spills. Keep absorbent materials such as 'kitty litter' onsite for spill cleanup.

Plants

- Select landscape plants that are well adapted to your site and have low water requirements.
- Treat specific weed areas rather than resorting to general "weed and feed" mixtures.

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 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.

SMARTER THINKING MEANS SAFER DRINKING—HELP SAVE WATER!!!

 **Brushing Teeth** uses 2 gallons per minute when the water is left running. **Tip:** Turn off the faucet when you brush, saving 2 gallons of water per minute.

 **Showers** use about 2 gallons a minute or 16 gallons for the average shower. **Tip:** Shorten your shower to 5 minutes and use only 10 gallons per shower.

 **Bath**uses about 20 gallons of water.

 **Toilet**.... 2.6 gallons per flush.

 **Clothes Washer** uses 20-45 gallons per load. **Tip:** Only run the washer with a full load; high-efficiency clothes washers use 14-25 gallons

 **Dishwashers** uses 10-15 gallons per load, water-efficient dishwashers use 4-7 gallons. **Tip:** Only run the dishwasher when you have a full load.

 **Landscape** uses 360 gallons per day

 **Hosing Driveway**.....130 gallons for every 15 minutes

 **Car Washing**100-160 gallons

Savings to Be Achieved with Water Conserving Devices

Toilet
Current flow rate: 5.0 gallons per flush

Low-flow device: 1.6 gallons per flush
Flushes per person per day: 5

- ◆ **Gallons saved per person per day: 17**
- ◆ **Gallons saved per person per month: 510**

Bathroom Aerator

Current flow rate: 3.0 gallons per minute
Low-flow device: 1.5 gallons per minute
Average daily use per person: 6 minutes

- ◆ **Gallons saved per person per day: 9**
- ◆ **Gallons saved per person per month: 274**

Kitchen Aerator

Current Flow Rate: 30 gallons
Low-Flow Device: 2.0 gallons per minute
Average daily use per household: 15 minutes (when dishes are hand washed)

- ◆ **Gallons saved per house per day: 15**
- ◆ **Gallons saved per house per month: 456**

Showerheads

Current Flow Rate: 4 gallons per minute
Low-Flow Device: 1.5 Gallons per minute
Average daily use per person: 10 minutes

- ◆ **Gallons saved per person per day: 25**
- ◆ **Gallons saved per person per month: 760**

By changing out just the above four plumbing fixtures to water conserving ones, a savings per person per day is 66 gallons. Per month, the savings comes to 2,007 gallons. Multiply this number by the number of family members and a major water savings can be achieved!

DID YOU KNOW....

Before the early 1900s, many people in the U.S. died from diarrhea causing diseases such as cholera and dysentery, as well as typhoid fever all because of unsanitary drinking water. Yes, that's right...diarrhea could kill you! Poor sanitary practices and lack of treatment mean microbes and other parasites were often found in drinking water. Thousands of infants children and adults died from contaminated drinking water. All that changed in the early 1900s when scientists found a way to disinfect drinking water using chlorine. Chlorination of drinking water has been called one of the most significant advances in public health protection. In fact, the mortality rate went down 50 percent in the 20th century, thanks to water treatment.

GETTING THE ACT TOGETHER...

In 1974, the United States Environmental Protection Agency passed the Safe Drinking Water Act to protect public health. The law was amended in 1986 and 1996 and its sources.

The regulation sets health-based standards for drinking Water and requires treatment and monitoring to meet and requires treatment and monitoring to meet those standards. The Safe Drinking Water Act establishes maximum contaminant levels and treatment techniques for chemicals, metals and pathogens. The regulation also includes penalties for utilities that don't comply with the standards.

MEETING QUALITY STANDARDS....

Tampa Bay Water consistently provides high-quality drinking water. In fact, the local governments we serve have standards that are even stricter than the Safe Drinking Water Act. We meet or surpass more than 100 local, state and federal drinking water parameters.

Tampa Bay Water continuously monitors water quality through:

EXPLORE SAFE DRINKG WATER ACT CRITERIA AT:

<http://water.epa.gov/drink/contaminants/upload/mcl-2.pdf>

- 400 regional monitoring tests.
- 100,000 water quality tests in a state-certified lab.

Tampa Bay Water uses chloramines to disinfect water so it is safe to drink. Chloramine is a combination of chlorine and ammonia. It is a powerful disinfectant that reduces the formation of suspected cancer-causing compounds and provides consistent water quality.

EMERGENCY ACCESS PERMIT—Emergency Access Permits are now available at Town Hall. Please bring with you, proof of residency, (driver's license or a utility bill) Residents are allowed only two Permits per home, not per vehicle.

THE OFFICIAL ALL-HAZARD GUIDE FOR PINELLAS COUNTY - Surviving the Storm - It's everyone's Responsibility. This guide is now available at Town Hall.

BEACH PARKING PERMITS—Your beach parking permits expired March 31st, 2015—Please don't ditch your decals, just bring them in to Town hall to receive a new expiry date. If you don't have a beach parking permit, either download the Resident Parking Permit form from the Town's website or come on in to Town Hall. Beach Parking Permits are for residents only.

SOLICITORS—It shall be unlawful to sell or attempt to sell or peddle any commercial products whatsoever on the streets, door to door or other public property within the town of Redington Beach. From time to time solicitors will venture into Town to solicit. If you do see this happening, please contact the Pinellas County Sherriff's Department, Non Emergency number 727-582-6200 immediately to report. Too much time can lapse if you call the Town first, since the Town contracts with Pinellas County Sherriff's Department for Code Enforcement, there is always a deputy nearby. To report any suspicious activity, please call Pinellas County Sherriff's Department Non Emergency number 727-582-6200.

