

Ways to Save Our Waters



Since we live and work in an environmentally sensitive area, it's important to be aware of how to reduce stormwater pollution. Here are a few ways to protect the water where you swim and fish.

- **Make changes in your yard.** Plant a yard that includes low maintenance plants that adapt to Florida's climate. These plants will require less water, fertilizer and pesticides and therefore can reduce harmful runoff. Be sure to plant ground covers to prevent soil erosion.
- **Use a commercial car wash** or wash your car over a grassy area to prevent detergents from running into the street where they can get into our sensitive water system.
- **Prevent pollution from getting into the water.** Keep litter, leaves and pet wastes out of street gutters and storm drains.
- **Properly dispose of hazardous materials.** Take paints, antifreeze and other toxic products to a household chemical collection center. Recycle used motor oil. Call (727) 464.4623 for more information.



- **Report Illicit Discharges**

Be sure to call the City of Gulfport Public Works Department at (727) 893-1089 if you see anyone:

- Pouring motor oil, paints, chemicals or cleaning fluids down storm drains or gutters.
- Putting grass clippings in a storm drain, swale or canal.
- Dumping chlorinated pool water into a gutter, storm drain or canal.
- Letting anything other than rainwater go into a storm drain.

**Brochures and more information are available at
City Hall**

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