



Stormy's Top 10 Habits for Stormwater Pollution Prevention



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Stormwater is rainwater that runs off of roofs, lawns and paved surfaces into the City's storm drain system. As stormwater flows to storm drains, it picks up or is contaminated by litter, chemicals, sediments and other pollutants. This untreated water is discharged into local waterways, which can harm the aquatic environment and create public health issues. By practicing Stormy's Top 10 Habits, you can play a key role in protecting the City's waterways.

1. Report illegal dumping into the storm drain or sanitary sewer system, clogged storm drains, or overflowing manholes by calling the 24-hour Customer Service Center at 954-828-8000.
2. Use lawn and garden products sparingly. Use fertilizers with less than 2 percent phosphorous and organic, biodegradable, non-toxic pesticides.
3. Check all vehicles, motorcycles, boats and other watercraft and outdoor recreational vehicles for leaks.
4. Dispose of household hazardous waste and electronics at regularly scheduled "Drop-Off Events." Please visit www.fortlauderdale.gov for a listing.
5. Maintain swale areas for proper drainage and retention.
6. Sweep paved surfaces instead of hosing them down.
7. Dispose of yard waste and clippings properly.
8. Xeriscape with native, drought and pest resistant plants.
9. Purchase biodegradable, nontoxic, recycled/recyclable products when possible.
10. Pick up pet waste. Leaving pet waste behind is unlawful and is a form of littering punishable under the City of Fort Lauderdale's Code of Ordinances.

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