

What does the Program prohibit?

- Directly discharging anything that is not composed entirely of storm water into the storm sewer system or into City waterways is prohibited.
- Connecting any structure that carries any liquid other than storm water to the storm sewer or to City waters also is prohibited.

Did you know? Anything that is washed into the storm sewer system ends up in our lakes and streams. Unlike the wastewater from our kitchens and bathrooms, storm water is not treated before it's released into our waters.

What should I do with hazardous household products?



You can take used motor oil, gasoline, antifreeze, brake fluid, paint, solvents (like turpentine), pesticides, herbicides, pool chemicals, polishers, and other household hazardous wastes to:

East Pasco Transfer & Recycling Center
9626 Handcart Road
Dade City, Florida
Phone: 352-521-0500
Mon. - Sat. 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

You can report illicit discharges to the City of Dade City at 352-521-1494. After hours call the Police Department at 352-521-1490.

What is the penalty for a violation?

Any person who violates any section of this Ordinance may be prosecuted and punished as provided by Section 125.69 of the Florida Statutes. Each day of the violation shall constitute a separate offense, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 or by imprisonment in the County jail not to exceed 60 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment to the limits as set forth in Section 125.69, Florida Statutes.

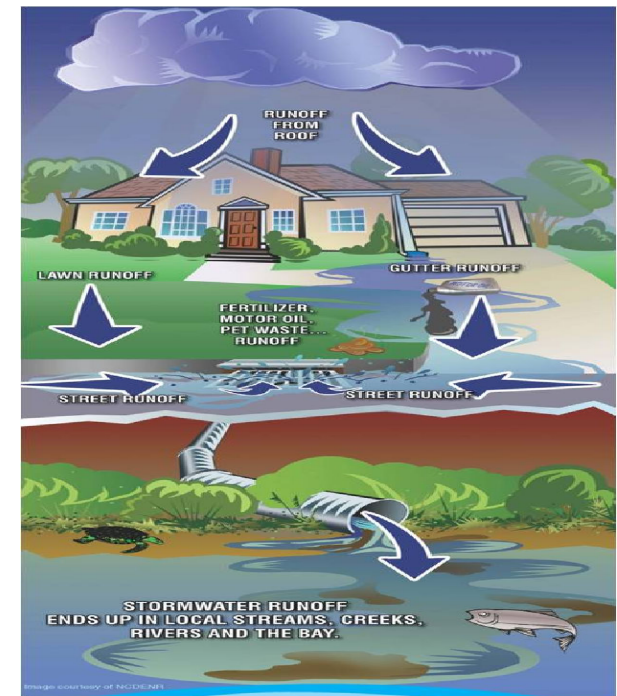
What does the ordinance allow? Discharges from several everyday activities are allowed to flow into storm sewers or City waters. For example:

- water line flushing
- landscape irrigation
- uncontaminated ground water infiltration (as defined at 40 CFR 35.20)) 2005(to separate storm sewers
- uncontaminated pumped ground water
- discharges from potable water sources
- air conditioning condensate
- irrigation water
- lawn watering
- individual residential car washing
- street wash waters

However, if any of these activities are found to be causing water pollution, the City will ask that the activity be stopped or be conducted differently so that our waters are not polluted.

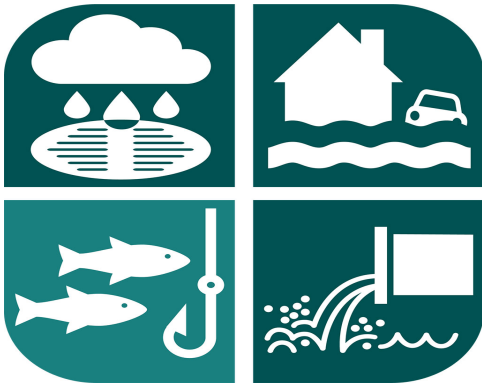


Storm Water Guide City of Dade City



In 1999, the City of Dade City enacted a Storm Water Management Ordinance, which makes it illegal to discharge pollutants to the storm sewer system or to City waters.

The Storm Water Management Program is required by the Clean Water Act. It is designed to help maintain and protect the quality of the water in our streams, lakes and rivers.



Dispose Properly



- Don't blow leaves or lawn clippings into the street
- Sweep up any spills or overspray of fertilizers on sidewalks or streets
- Compost or bag your leaves and lawn clippings

Please don't dump leaves and grass clippings into ditches, storm drains, or creeks. Don't discharge lawn clippings from mowers into the street. They clog storm sewers, which can cause flooding. Decaying leaves and grass add excess nutrients to our waters, which can cause algae to grow too fast and kill fish.



Never dump motor oil, antifreeze, or any other chemicals down the storm drain. One quart of oil can contaminate 250,000 gallons of water!

If you spill motor oil or other fluids, don't hose the spill into the gutter, ditch or street. Instead spread kitty litter to absorb the spill, then sweep it up and put it in the trash.

Inspect and maintain your vehicle to keep oil, antifreeze and other fluids from leaking.

What is the City's storm water system?

Storm water is the water from rain, which flows over the ground or pavement without soaking into the ground.

The storm sewer system includes the roadside ditches, gutters, inlets, catch basins and under-ground pipes that collect storm water and carry it away from our streets, parking lots, and yards. County and City waters include creeks, lakes and rivers in Pasco County. Storm water can flow directly into these waters, so they are part of the storm sewer system, too.

Brushes used with water-based (latex) paint should be rinsed in the sink.



If you have a small amount of paint left in the can, stuff it loosely with newspaper, let the paint dry out completely, and put it in the trash. Save and reuse paint thinner and turpentine whenever you can. Leftover paint and paint thinner can be taken to the East Pasco Transfer & Recycling Center for disposal.

Put pet waste in a plastic bag and dispose of it in the trash can. When pet waste is left on the ground, harmful bacteria can be carried away by storm water to contaminate our streams.



Try to minimize your use of pesticides and herbicides (insect and weed killers). They are deadly to fish, birds and other wildlife. If you must use them, make sure you are using the right product and the right amount.

Always follow the manufacturer's application recommendations. More isn't better!

It's better to fertilize your lawn in the fall than in the spring. First get a soil test kit from the Pasco County Extension Service to find out what nutrients your yard really needs. Look for low phosphate fertilizers. Most mature lawns need more nitrogen than phosphate.

For tips on using fertilizers and pesticides, other ways to control pest, soil testing, and other lawn and gardening problems, call the Pasco County Extension Service at 352-521-4288.

How can I prevent storm water pollution at home?