



Landscaping Maintenance and Stormwater Pollution Prevention



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Landscape Maintenance

Landscape maintenance can be a major contributor to stormwater pollution. However, by incorporating the following guidelines into your lawn and garden routine, you can help prevent stormwater pollution and protect local waterways, while maintaining a healthy landscape with minimal or no impact to the environment.

- ◆ Plant native plants to reduce the need for water, fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides.
- ◆ Use organic, biodegradable, non-toxic pesticides. Use fertilizers with less than 2 percent phosphorous.
- ◆ Mix and load fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides on the grass, not on driveways or paved surfaces.
- ◆ Do not apply fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides near driveways, sidewalks or any water bodies.
- ◆ Avoid over watering. It washes excess lawn and garden chemicals into storm drains that flow to waterways.
- ◆ Apply only $\frac{1}{4}$ inch of water to soak lawn chemicals into the ground.
- ◆ Sweep up excess amounts of fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides. Never hose them into storm drains.
- ◆ Store left over fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides and other hazardous chemicals in a dry, covered area.
- ◆ Dispose of household hazardous waste and electronics at regularly scheduled "Drop-Off Events." Please visit www.fortlauderdale.gov for a listing.
- ◆ Never dump lawn, garden or any other products down a storm drain. It is a crime and could result in fines.

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.

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