

# The City Of St. Augustine Beach

## Residential Stormwater Pollution Solutions

### Best Management Practices (BMPs)

*Anything entering a stormwater system is discharged untreated into the waterways we use for swimming and fishing. To keep our waterways healthy, follow these simple guidelines.*

- 💧 **KEEP stormwater curbs, swales & stormdrains trash and debris free.** Debris in our waterways increases the likelihood of algae blooms and low oxygen water, which cannot support marine life.
- 💧 **BLOW grass clippings back onto grass or landscape areas.** Using a mulching mower returns nutrients to the soil and helps save landfill space.
- 💧 **WASH vehicles & equipment on grassy** where soapy water will seep into and replenish our shallow aquifer. Keep equipment well maintained to minimize oil and fuel leaks.
- 💧 **ROUTE washwater & equipment cleaning solutions to the sanitary sewer system.** Never pour solvents or cleaning solutions onto driveways, parking lots or streets.
- 💧 **DIRECT pressure washers to pervious or grassy surfaces** to minimize surface runoff.
- 💧 **RESPONSIBLY dispose of construction wastes & hazardous materials** – never in drainage swales or stormdrains.
- 💧 **USE native plants and slow-release fertilizers & pesticides.** Water and fertilize sparingly. Do not apply herbicides, pesticides and fertilizers within 50 feet of our waterways and within 10 feet of paved surfaces.
- 💧 **STORE CHEMICALS OUT OF RAIN** and away from roadways, stormdrains & waterways. Chemicals include fertilizers, pesticides, lubricants, oil, fuel, antifreeze & hydraulic fluids.
- 💧 **INSPECT equipment & vehicles OFTEN FOR LEAKS. TRANSFER FLUIDS CAREFULLY** – use drip pans or drop cloths to catch spills.
- 💧 **KEEP sediment piles at least** 10 feet away from waterways and 6 feet from paved areas to minimize stormwater runoff. Cover or contain sediment piles when possible.
- 💧 **NEVER drain pools to a waterway, stormdrain or street** – chlorine and pool chemicals are toxic to our waterways. Allow small amounts of pool water to slowly percolate into grassy or pervious areas.

**For more info, contact the St. Augustine Beach Green Business at (904) 471-8758**