



You can easily install storm drain markers in your neighborhood.

Call (727) 464-4425  
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# LIVING ON A LAKE: WHAT YOU MUST KNOW

**A Guide for Lakefront  
Property Owners**



# A Guide for Lakefront Property Owners

Preserve the health of your lake...

What about vegetation removal?

Dock Permits, Seawalls, etc...

## WHAT IS RUNOFF?

**On its way, rain water can pick up and carry many substances that pollute water.**

**Some of these harmful substances are:**

- Pesticides and fertilizers
- Oil or other auto fluids
- Soap from residential car washing
- Sediment from construction or bare soil
- Pet waste
- Grass clippings and leaves
- Malfunctioning septic tanks

## HOW TO HELP?

- Prevent erosion by planting shoreline vegetation. Native plants help remove chemicals running off your lawn.
- Landscape smart: mulch or bag your lawn clippings. Don't blow yard waste into the street, stormdrain, or lake
- Pick up after your pet
- Maintain your car properly to avoid leaks
- Use low phosphorous or phosphorous free fertilizer. Maintain a fertilizer free zone several feet from the water

### **Can I just rip out the cattails and other plants along my shoreline?**

**A State Permit is required for vegetation removal in lakes 10 acres and larger. For more information call:**

John Rodgers: (813) 744-6163

and

Pinellas County

Development Review Services: (727) 464-3888

### **INVASIVE PLANTS INCLUDE:**

- Brazilian Pepper
- Alligator Weed



Alligator Weed



Water Hyacinth

### **BENEFICIAL PLANTS INCLUDE:**

- Pickerelweed
- Blue Flag Iris
- Bulrush
- Spikerush



Pickerelweed



Blue Flag Iris

The Pinellas County Department of Environmental Management, Water & Navigation Section is responsible for permitting dock and seawall construction and repair activities. Call (727) 464-4761 for more information.

**Proposed work in conservation areas or lakes less than 10 acres:**

Pinellas County Development Review Services  
(727) 464-3888

### **Other Contacts:**

#### **Native Plants & Proper Fertilization:**

Florida Yards and Neighborhoods  
(727) 582-2100

#### **Native Aquatic Plan Brochures:**

Pinellas County Environmental Management  
Water Resources Management  
(727) 464-4425

### **To report illegal dumping into a lake, road, stormdrain, etc:**

Please contact:  
Pinellas County Environmental Management  
Water Resources Management  
(727) 464-4425 M-F 8AM-5PM  
Or  
24 hour hotline (727) 464-5060  
(voicemail)