

Pinellas County stormwater regulations

Pinellas County's stormwater ordinance, Article VI, Chapter 58, is intended to protect the water quality and natural habitat of creeks, lakes and marine waters that receive discharge from our drainage system. The ordinance states that any discharge to the drainage system or to a waterway that is not composed entirely of stormwater is prohibited. This means that pollutants of any kind, including contaminated wash water and construction materials, may **not enter the street, stormdrain or gutter**. Violators of the stormwater ordinance may be fined up to \$10,000 per day, and payment for cleanup costs may be required.

Only rain down the drain!

This brochure is one of a series describing urban pollution prevention measures. To request additional brochures, please contact Pinellas County Watershed Management at (727) 464-4425.

For more information

on what YOU can do to keep our waterways clean, our watersheds healthy or to report pollution, call the **Watershed Management Hotline** at **(727) 464-4425** or email us at watershed@pinellascounty.org.



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Pool Construction & Maintenance Best Management Practices



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Pool Construction and Maintenance **best practices**



Best management practices or BMPs are procedures that should be used to prevent pollutants, such as contaminated wash water and construction materials from entering our stormdrains and polluting our waterways:

- Before draining, ensure pool water contains 0.01 mg/L of chlorine or less.
- Drain water to vegetated areas such as lawns or gardens. Ensure this does not cause erosion.
- Particulate filter material, such as diatomaceous earth, must be disposed of in a dumpster or other approved receptacle.

- During pool construction, observe all standard construction best management practices. These include protecting storm inlets on and offsite with appropriate protection devices.
- Do not store construction materials (sand, gravel, etc.) in the road. Keep all materials within the construction site properly.
- Have a concrete equipment washout area at construction sites where masonry or concrete waste can harden.



- If an equipment leak occurs, make sure the leak is repaired as soon as possible. Use an absorbent material, such as clay or kitty litter, to collect the free product and dispose of the absorbed materials in the trash. Utilize a drip pan to collect any leaking fluids, and recycle or dispose of the fluids properly. Train all personnel in proper procedures to avoid and clean up spills.

Pollution prevention is up to you!

Streets and stormdrains are part of the drainage system which protects developed areas from flooding. Everything that enters the streets and stormdrains flows directly into waterways without treatment and can cause pollution. Disposing of pool construction or maintenance discharge materials in the street or stormdrain is **prohibited by law.**

Who can you contact?

To report illegal dumping or for more information, call (727) 464-4425, M-F, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For questions on waste disposal, contact Pinellas County Solid Waste at (727) 464-7500. For 24 hour voicemail (non-emergency spills only), call (727) 464-5060.



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