



Did you know?

32 Billion gallons of stormwater runoff annually flows into Orlando's lakes.

Stormwater runoff/ rainwater is the source for over 95% of the surface waters in Central Florida.

Stormwater is the #1 source for pollution and impairment to our lakes.

Water quality was not a concern for Orlando's first inhabitants. The stormwater systems were built to route stormwater runoff from our city and neighborhood streets to the nearest body of water in order to prevent flooding. It was not until 1984 that new developments had to meet strict regulations on the quality and quantity of runoff. This is why it is important to be cautious of what goes into our streets.

Why Manage Stormwater?

- Reduce flooding potential
- Improve water quality
- Replenish fragile water supplies
- Improve fish and wildlife habitat
- Conserve for future generations

**Thank you
for helping to keep
Orlando
the City Beautiful!**

The City of Orlando Stormwater Code (Section 31.19)

It is prohibited to discharge any polluting matter into the streets and/or storm systems.

Violators may be subject to a civil penalty, a citation, pollution abatement costs, and/or action by the City of Orlando Code Board.

Report Stormwater Pollution! To report illicit discharge or dumping into any part of the stormwater system, or participate in any of our volunteer opportunities, please call:

**City of Orlando
Streets and Stormwater Division
Stormwater Hotline 407.246.2370
cityoforlando.net/public_works**

CITY OF ORLANDO
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
STREETS AND STORMWATER DIVISION



Stormwater SECTION

CITY OF ORLANDO

Our Mission is to maintain the City's stormwater systems and to preserve the water quality of Orlando's lakes for the enjoyment of its citizens.

Two Separate Sewer Systems

There are Two Completely Separate Sewer Systems in Orlando:

Stormwater Sewer System: stormwater runoff enters underground pipes through a storm drain (curb inlet) or grate. The stormwater runoff within these pipes is discharged untreated into our City's surface waters and lakes.

Sanitary Sewer System: carries wastewater from bathrooms, dishwashers, sinks, and washing machines, through underground sanitary sewer pipes to a wastewater treatment plant. There, it undergoes complex treatment until it is safe for reuse or is discharged into receiving waterways.

When it rains, it drains. Anything in our streets, parking lots, alley ways, driveways, and sidewalks will end up in a nearby lake whenever it rains. Your actions affect our waterways!



Remember...Only Rain Down the Drain!

What does the City's Stormwater Section do?

- Enforces the Stormwater Code (on back)
- Maintains and repairs stormwater management systems
- Investigates stormwater runoff, drainage, or flooding problems
- Investigates illicit discharges to our lakes and stormwater systems
- Monitors and annually reports on lake water quality through biological sampling
- Water quality, quantity, and chemical improvement projects
- Eliminates or controls invasive and problematic native aquatic plants in City waterways and stormwater structures
- Finances street sweeping operations
- Ensures accurate stormwater utility fee charges
- Inspects stormwater structures, ditches, canals and retention/detention ponds for functionality
- Requires treatment ponds within new development
- Inspects businesses for proper chemical handling and storage
- Inspects for proper erosion and sediment controls at construction sites
- Provides educational materials and presentations related to lake management, stormwater projects, water quality and pollution prevention
- Coordinates citizen involvement through LakeWatch, lake cleanups, and stormdrain sign projects



Ways You Can Help:

- Prevent pollutants from entering our lakes at the source. We are ALL part of the problem and must ALL be part of the solution...
- Do not dump, blow, or rake leaves and grass clippings into the street. Leave them on your lawn as mulch or bag them for yard waste collection.
- Use fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides sparingly and follow label instructions. Keep them off streets and sidewalks, and away from lakes and stormwater drains.
- Do not wash your car on the street or in your driveway. Instead, wash it on the lawn and let the nutrient-rich soapy water fertilize your grass. Better still, use a commercial carwash.
- Repair leaky vehicles. Do not pour oil or chemicals down any drain or into any street.
- Dispose of household hazardous wastes properly at either of Orange County's landfill locations:
 - 5901 Young Pine Rd, Orlando 32829
407.836.6600 Open 7 days 8am – 5pm
 - 5000 L.B. McLeod Rd, Orlando 32811
407.245.0931 Wed & Sat 8am – 5pm
- Pick up your pet's waste and dispose of it properly.
- Contain your trash so it does not become litter.
- Join the LakeWatch program or participate in any of our volunteer opportunities.