

You *Can* Make a Difference!

Prevent pollutants from entering our waterways during your **landscape services** by following the guidelines listed below:

- ◆ *DO NOT* blow grass clippings or leaves down the storm drain or into a waterbody.
- ◆ Mow grass at the proper heights. 3-4 inches for St. Augustine and Bahia, 1.5 inches for Bermuda and Centipede.
- ◆ Dispose of grease or oil properly. Never dump down the storm drain or sanitary sewer.
- ◆ Use fertilizer only as needed. Avoid using fertilizer containing phosphorous (the middle number on the bag).
- ◆ *DO NOT* apply fertilizer or other chemicals within 10 feet of the shoreline or when a heavy rain is expected.
- ◆ Keep swales mowed and clear of debris. Never fill in a swale.
- ◆ Keep materials and hazardous waste out of the rain and place in a covered area that is designed to prevent runoff.
- ◆ Use integrated pest management to minimize the need for chemical applications.
- ◆ Overwatering favors the growth of water loving weeds and also creates runoff which may carry harmful pollutants to our waterways. Avoid excess irrigation and watering hard surfaces.
- ◆ Know your clients' irrigation days. Adjust time clocks to water before 10am or after 4pm. Be sure a rain sensor is installed and working properly.

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