

# You *Can* Make a Difference!

**Prevent pollutants from entering our waterways  
by following the guidelines listed below:**

- ◆ Recycle or properly dispose of household products that contain chemicals, such as insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents, used motor oil and other auto fluids. Don't pour them onto the ground or into storm drains.
- ◆ Keep trash securely in its place.
- ◆ Clean up after your pets. This reduces bacteria contamination in waterways.
- ◆ Be a responsible boater. Keep your prop clear of vegetation and maintain engine in proper working order to avoid oil and gas leakage into the water.
- ◆ Keep septic tanks & drain fields away from the lake. Have your tank pumped every 3—5 years.
- ◆ Properly maintain vehicles to avoid pollutants washing into the lake. Fix leaks quickly. Use quick dry materials to clean up oil spills.
- ◆ Use a commercial car wash that treats or recycles its wastewater, or wash your car on your yard so the water infiltrates into the ground.



## Love Our Lakes More Than Your Lawn!

- Minimize the use of water, fertilizers and pesticides on your lawn.
- Use drought-, pest- and disease-resistant Florida plants when landscaping your home or business.
- Plant vegetative buffers on slopes and at your shoreline, these help reduce erosion and provide habitat.
- Keep native aquatic plants on your shoreline.
- Refrain from blowing grass clippings & leaves into the lake; these add nutrients to the water causing algal blooms.
- Compost or mulch yard waste. Don't leave it in the street or sweep it into storm drains or streams. Keep curbs and storm drains clear of debris.

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