



## Help Us Protect Our Waterways!

We all need to do our part to keep our waterways clean and free of debris.

The City of Oakland Park desires to keep its waterways as clean as possible. Homeowners residing on waterways have additional responsibilities which they may not be aware of. We have included these points of information for your review and awareness in waterway maintenance.

### Waterway Maintenance Guidelines

Waterways should never be used as a dumpsite for trash of any kind including grass cuttings, tree trimmings, cans, bottles, tires, etc. This includes blowing cut grass into the waterways, catch basins, and city roadways.

Residents are responsible for trimming the overgrowth of trees on their property that extends over the water. Fruit from trees that extend over the water may drop into the waterways causing decay and raising the bacteria levels.

Always apply lawn fertilizers and pesticides sparingly, not exceeding manufacturer's directions. Excessive applications are washed into waterways where they cause accelerated aquatic weed growth or kill fish.

Widespread feeding of the duck population should be discouraged. Large populations of ducks cause significant increases in bacteriological levels in waterways, promote weed growth, and can contribute to health problems.

Discarding non-native fish or exotic plants from your aquariums into the waterway will destroy the ecosystem. These species will then thrive and become uncontrollable.

Never discard waste such as oil, gas, paint or wood/deck sealers, etc. into storm drains or catch basins. These drains flow into nearby waterways, and if polluted, can kill fish.

Never run effluent waste from animal holding areas, washing machines or swimming pools into the waterways.

Report any unusual occurrences in the waterways such as excessive aquatic weed growth, algae blooms, duck and fish kills, or discoloration of water to the Public Works Department.

Note the exact address or specific location of any illegal discharges or dumping in stormwater drains, canals, or right-of-ways by contacting Public Works.

during business hours

**954-630-4430**

during off hours

**954-561-6275**