



Public Works Stormwater Newsletter

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Walton County Board of County Commissioners

PRACTICE CLEAN BOATING HABITS

PROTECT OUR WATERWAYS

The quality of Florida's surface waters can be degraded by boat sewage, cleaning products, spilled fuel, and trash. These materials not only degrade Florida's environment, but also hamper the enjoyment of Florida's recreational areas. Each one of us must share the responsibility for pollution prevention.

Sometimes it is as simple as doing things a little differently. Clean boating habits strive for a cleaner environment through your efforts and those of volunteers, citizen support groups, and partnerships with government, business, and industry.

CLEAN BOATING TIPS:

- When fueling your boat in the water, use caution in filling your fuel tank to avoid spillage.
- Keep all engines well tuned: regularly check seals, gaskets, hoses and connections for leaks.
- When possible, remove your boat from the water and perform cleaning where debris can be captured and properly disposed.
- Use freshwater to clean your boat after every use. Wash boats with a sponge and clean water.
- Stow all loose items, plastic bags, drink cans, and other articles so they don't blow overboard.
- Carry a trash bag and never discharge your garbage overboard.
- Dispose of monofilament line, hooks, and other litter at an appropriate upland facility.
- Use oil absorbent materials in your bilge and for spill cleanup.
- Use marinas with proper sewage pump out services.

Source : FDEP

Walton County Recycles

Open to the public are:

- 15 recycling trailers;
- 4 County owned used oil collection sites;
- 2 tires and white goods collection sites.

For a map of these locations go to:
www.co.walton.fl.us > Departments > Solid Waste > Recycling Locations

Did you know?

- Approximately 322 billion gallons of water are used in the United States per day.
- About 6800 gallons of water is required to grow a day's food for a family of four.
- To create one pint of beer it takes 20 gallons of water.
- It takes about 70 gallons of water to fill a bathtub.

Save Money and Avoid Runoff: Use Drip Irrigation

There are many ways to water plants: by hand using one of several different sprinkler attachments, with soaker hoses, or you can install an automatic sprinkler system. The most efficient way, however, is to deliver water where it's needed — directly to a plant's root zone through a drip or low-volume irrigation system. This saves water because only the main feeder roots receive water, and less water evaporates from the surface of the soil.

Drip irrigation isn't a new concept. In ancient times, farmers placed unglazed, porous clay pots near the base of plants and filled the pots with water, which slowly leaked out.

Whether you buy a simple kit and install it yourself or hire a professional to design and install an elaborate system, you will probably recoup the costs in water savings within a year or two. Studies show that a well-designed drip irrigation system uses 30 to 50 percent less water than more conven-

tional watering methods such as head sprinklers.

Once you have a drip irrigation system in place, you can say goodbye to the hassle of hauling hoses and moving sprinklers around and say hello to healthier, more productive plants. Or you can consider soaker hoses. They do much the same thing at a fraction of the cost and require almost nothing in the way of installation and maintenance.

RESOURCES

Public Works:
850-892-8108
www.co.walton.fl.us

Code Enforcement:
850-622-0000

Extension/IFAS:
850-892-8172
<http://walton.ifas.ufl.edu>

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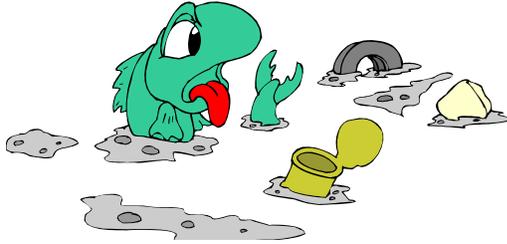
117 Montgomery Circle
DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435

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REMEMBER

What we do affects rivers, lakes, coastal waters, wildlife and YOUR drinking water. Once everyone realizes how they contribute to the problem and that they can be part of the solution, the threat of storm-water pollution will decline.



To protect all of us and our environment, Chapter 7 of the Walton County Land Development Code prohibits unauthorized discharges into storm drains or ditch systems. The costs for removing dumped items and cleaning spills are very high. Please dispose of your trash and waste properly. To report illegal dumping, contact Code Enforcement at 622-0000.

PRIDE PRESERVATION CONSERVATION

Create Your Own Recycling Center



Only about half of all paper gets recycled here in the US and only a third of plastic bottles. That means a huge amount of usable resources are simply going to waste in our already overflowing landfills. So we have to step up our efforts! One solution is to make recycling easier

on yourself with a rollout, under-the-sink recycling center that makes recycling so painless you might actually enjoy it. At the very least, you'll appreciate having a simple system for sorting all your glass, plastic, and paper before taking it to one of our 29 recycling trailers.

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Upcoming Events:

Household Hazardous Amnesty Day will be held Saturday, October 31, 2020 at the following locations:

- Topsail Hill Preserve State Park @ 7525 W. Co Hwy 30A, Santa Rosa Beach.
- Walton County Fairgrounds @ Hwy 83 North, DeFuniak Springs.

For more information, please contact the Walton County Landfill at (850)892-8180 or visit the Walton County Solid Waste website @

<https://www.co.walton.fl.us/224/Solid-Waste-Recycling>.