



Town of Bay Harbor Islands, FL

Protecting Our Stormwater

For Landscape and Maintenance Crews

Stormwater runoff is water from rainfall that runs off of roofs, lawns, streets, parking lots, and other surfaces, that does not infiltrate into the ground, picking up pollutants that can adversely affect water quality. Yard waste is no exception. In addition to creating stormwater pollution, improper disposal of yard waste can clog our storm drains and lead to flooding.

Proper yard waste disposal is required by Town Ordinance. Bay Harbor Islands Municipal Code prohibits the discharge of anything other than stormwater, allowable non-stormwater, and pollutants for which an NPDES permit has been issued, to enter the Town's stormwater system. Discharge of anything other than stormwater and permitted discharges is a violation of Section 25-4 of the Town's Code of Ordinances and is considered an illicit discharge.

Key Tips for Reducing Pollutants:

- Avoid excess fertilizer or pesticide use, especially before rain is predicted. Keep fertilizer and pesticide off paved surfaces.
- Aim your mower away from paved areas. Use a leaf blower or broom to move clippings into the yard, NOT into the street.
- Sweep up dirt, grass clippings, and other yard waste instead of washing them into the storm drain.
- Do not stockpile soil, mulch, or other bulk materials on paved surfaces during landscaping projects.
- Maintain plant cover on slopes to stabilize the soil. Seed bare areas in lawns and mulch bare garden soil.
- Prevent soil erosion during renovation and landscaping by using mulch or a cover crop.
- Do not pile leaves or other yard waste near the street where they can blow or wash into drainage inlets.



For additional information, contact the Town of Bay Harbor Islands Floodplain Manager:

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