

Fleming Island Plantation Community Development District

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Margaret's Walk Residents,

We are experiencing some chemical imbalances in your community's storm water retention ponds. While the ponds are storm water management utility facilities and fully functioning as such, some residents have voiced concerns about the visual appearance of the ponds. There are several factors that contribute to these issues and even more ways to help prevent them. We have included some valuable information that needs to be adhered to. These standards are not only for the maintenance of the retention ponds, but also for the larger bodies of water, such the St. Johns River.

Protecting our rivers and streams

Storm water is carried into retention ponds through storm drains that eventually reach our major lakes and rivers.

Storm water run-off is water that runs off or flows over the ground after a rainstorm. This water picks up debris, chemicals, soil, yard waste, fertilizer, motor oil and other pollutants.

Waterways and ponds can be easily polluted through the way we all approach some common behaviors. Please keep in mind some of the following ways you can help to keep our ponds more visually appealing.

- Avoid overuse of fertilizers, especially near the water's edge. Rain and lawn watering can wash excess fertilizer into storm drains and ponds, where excess nutrients cause algae blooms and undesirable weed growth.
- Avoid dumping oil, chemicals, soil, fertilizer, yard debris, or other pollutants into ponds, inlets or storm drains.
- Properly dispose of animal wastes. Do not toss or dump into storm drains or retention ponds.
- Keep grass clippings and other debris out of retention ponds and storm drains. Do not blow off grass clippings into the street or ponds.

We appreciate your cooperation and assistance regarding this matter. Should you have any further questions, please contact me at (904)278-8806 or fipmaintenance@bellsouth.net.

Sincerely,



Russell Bagg
Maintenance Manager