

INDIAN SHORES CONTINUES TO IMPROVE ITS STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The Town of Indian Shores is now in its third year of a new, federally mandated Stormwater Management Program, and there are ways that you can help.

The program was required by the permit issued by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the management of the Town's storm sewer system. These federal requirements were delegated to the state originally to regulate large counties and cities, but in 1999, the requirements were extended to smaller local governments, including the Town of Indian Shores.

Many of the permit program measures involve education – educating citizens about how they can help prevent stormwater pollution, educating builders and businesses about ways they can prevent pollution, and educating Town staff in ways they can prevent pollution that might result from their own work activities. Other measures involve specific actions on the part of the Town, such as:

- Storm sewer system maintenance and monitoring,
- Recycling,
- Application of pollution prevention practices at Town facilities,
- Regulation of illegal dumping, and
- Regulation of construction site erosion.

Under the permit's conditions, the Town will spend the first five year permit term developing and implementing the various aspects of its Stormwater Management Program. The Town recently completed the second year of its permit program, which consisted primarily of program and materials development. An advantage of the Town's permit program is the fact that it can be done without requiring any new Town staff. Many of the activities required by the permit are already being done by existing programs, including regulation of construction activities, maintenance and improvements to the storm sewer system, recycling center, and many more.

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