

## Action

Once Best Management Practices are put into action, lakes and canals will be healthier.

**Remember!** What we do on land affects the water bodies. Meet your neighbors to discuss Lake and Canal Stewardship!

The South Broward Drainage District is committed to quality service and effective stormwater management. If you have any questions or concerns, please visit our website at [www.sbdd.org](http://www.sbdd.org) or call 954-680-3337.



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## Lake and Canal Stewardship

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# Stewardship

The lakes and canals in your community serve many purposes, including the storage and treatment of stormwater

## ***What can you do to keep your lake or canal healthy?***

Lake and Canal Stewardship is an attitude and an important step in protecting your lake or canal. Stewardship reflects an understanding that ***what we do on land affects the water.*** We must individually and collectively assume responsibility for protecting the water quality of our lakes and canals.



## **Best Management Practices**

***Using Best Management Practices can help our lakes and canals be healthier!***

- ❖ Maintain a ring of responsibility. Keep fertilizers and pesticides at least 10 feet away from water's edge. Runoff of fertilizer/pesticides can cause algae which uses up oxygen that fish need to survive.
- ❖ Clean up any spills of potentially hazardous materials such as oil, fertilizer and pesticides.
- ❖ When mowing near the shoreline, direct the grass clippings away from the water.



## ***Best Management Practices (continued)***

- ❖ Pick up pet waste. Animal waste contains nutrients and can harbor bacteria and viruses that can be carried by stormwater runoff into nearby water bodies. Excess nutrients can cause algae blooms, fish kills and habitat destruction, while pathogens can pose health risks for humans and wildlife.
- ❖ Keep trees and other landscaping properly trimmed to avoid loose palm fronds, coconuts or tree limbs from blocking the flow of water. Do not dispose of trees or branches in lakes or canals.
- ❖ Remove all trees/landscaping over drainage pipes.
- ❖ Keep storm drains free of leaves and debris.
- ❖ Do not use storm drains for the disposal of yard clippings, litter, oils or chemicals.
- ❖ Pretreat street runoff.
- ❖ Control any discharge into water bodies through a pollution retardant basin.
- ❖ Maintain the community's stormwater system on a regular basis.
- ❖ Recertify stormwater system every five years.
- ❖ Get permits for all docks and decks.
- ❖ Construct all docks and decks in accordance with the Florida Building Code.

