



Roads are storm sewers too!

During the month of November 2010, The Town of Indian Shores passed two very important ordinances that implement certain aspects of water pollution control. Maintaining the quality of water in the Intercoastal Waterway and Gulf of Mexico around Indian Shores is very important to both the environment that we live in and also the water environment impacts our property values. The first ordinance passed deals with construction site activity and erosion control. The Town Building Department will manage the construction site aspects of pollution control. The ordinance calls for certain plans to be developed as part of the building permit process to address the construction process including storage of materials on site and tracking of soil onto adjacent roads. The second ordinance passed deals with the discharge of pollution materials onto property, into drainage systems, or directly into the Intercoastal Waterway or Gulf of Mexico. These illegal discharges are called "Illicit Discharges". Besides the more obvious illegal dumping of oil and similar materials, there are the more common and less obvious illicit discharges that include the blowing of grass into streets or the Intercoastal waterway by mowers and leaf blowers, pumping of chlorinated pool water over a seawall or into the street, and drainage from open commercial dumpsters exposed to the rain. If any person observes what may be an illicit discharge or erosion problem, please contact Town Hall. Your report will be documented and properly inspected. Let's all do our part in the prevention of erosion of soil into our streets and being careful of the control of grass blowing and other illicit discharges.

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