

City of Fort Oglethorpe Stormwater Management Program



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*We only have one source water.
If we don't protect it, who will?*

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your city officials:**

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Councilman, Johnnie "Red" Smith
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- ◆ Swales and grassed areas tend to fill in with vegetation and sediment with age. It is important to mow swales regularly and do not fill with yard waste, clippings or vegetation.
- ◆ Stabilize eroded areas in ditches and canals with appropriate materials such as sod or plantings. The existing slopes and dimensions should be compared against the original design.
- ◆ Remove any dead vegetation, trash and debris from all ponds. Erosion or washouts should be repaired or vegetated. Pipes for stormwater conveyance should be open and clear.
- ◆ Conduct routine inspections on all pipes to make sure no obstructions are present or repairs are needed. Trash or vegetation should be removed.
- ◆ Do all things possible to reduce the amount of litter, debris, and pollution that are carried into our drainage ditches, creeks and streams by the stormwater conveyance system. Sweep up leaves and garden clippings. Pick up pest waste. Sweep gutters and driveways instead of hosing them down.



BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR!!!

Go outside right now and check to see where your roof drains go... Do they go into your yard where the stormwater can be absorbed into the ground as it should? Do they point at your neighbor's house (not allowed)? Are they attached to the sanitary sewer lines (not allowed)? Are they causing you or anyone else to have standing or stagnant water (not allowed)? Is your yard graded in a way or filled in a way that it is causing water to back up on your neighbor? These are all questions that we, as good neighbors, should be asking ourselves. Ask yourself, "Is there anything that I have done or am doing to cause my neighbor a problem, whether it be with the runoff from my property, where I store my prized possessions (what others may see as junk), where I keep my pets, etc. Is there anything?" Take a look around your property and then take action. This is one of the problems with society today. We have forgotten how to be a good neighbor. If you find that there are problems in your neighborhood with the stormwater runoff, then please join in with your neighbors and do your part to fix the problem.