

# Pinellas County – Stormwater Compliance Program



# NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PROGRAM

- 1972 the Clean Water Act Created the NPDES Program
- 1977 Amend the Clean Water Act
- 1990 Phase 1 of the NPDES Stormwater Program
- 1999 Phase 2 of the NPDES Stormwater Program
- 2000 delegation to FDEP

# Pinellas County Stormwater Ordinance

- Required by PC NPDES Permit
- PC Code Chapter 58, Article VI
- Areas Embraced: Unincorporated (currently)
- Also contracted to perform FDOT jurisdiction
- No discharge to drainage system, ROW or surface waters that doesn't meet state water quality standards
- Residential, Commercial, Industrial and Construction site enforcement

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- Chapter 58 – Article VI

(...) any discharge to the separate storm sewer system or to any receiving waters of the county containing any chemicals, petroleum products, automotive fluids of any kind, sewage, industrial waste, sediment, construction or building materials, yard waste or other waste materials, or containing any materials in violation of federal, State, county, municipal, or other laws, rules, regulations, orders or permits, or which causes or contributes to a violation of State water quality standards contained in Chapter 62, Florida Administrative Code, in the waters of the United States, is prohibited.

# 58-244 (c) - Exemptions

- Firefighting
- Lawn irrigation
- Water line/potable water flushing (if dechlorinated)
- Diverted stream flows
- Rising groundwater
- Air conditioning condensation
- Individual car washing
- **Non-particulate pool backwash**
- **Non-chlorinated pool water**
- Flows from riparian wetlands
- Crawl space pump water
- Uncontaminated pumped groundwater
- Foundation drains

Clean Water only

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- ***Sec. 58-246. Construction site discharges***  
*... must be contained to the maximum extent practicable using BMPs to prevent vehicle track out, accidental discharge or run-off of construction materials, including but not limited to sediment, mud, soil, sand, rubble, concrete, or any other building or site materials.*

# Potential Penalties

- **Fines up to \$10,000/ violation / day**
- The responsible party may be required to clean up or pay for the clean up of the pollutants released in addition of the fines.



# Pool Discharges

- Ok if no chemicals
  - Dechlorinated
  - No salt near freshwater systems
- Use yard (after chemicals removed) – 12ft filtration is best
- Non particulate filter backwash ok



# Cases subject to penalties

- Cases where there is a clear discharge or connection into our right of way, drainage system or surface waters
- Clear culprit
- Solid evidence (level dependent on which system the case will be brought to)

**It needs to make it in “court”.**

# QUESTIONS?

