

The Villages



WATER WISDOM

SMART MANAGEMENT OF WATER RESOURCES IN FLORIDA'S FRIENDLIEST HOMETOWN

Pointless Personal Pollution

Pointless Personal Pollution, also known as non-point source pollution, is difficult to identify and treat. This is because many of our daily activities can cause this pollution, and it can travel by many different routes into the ground and into surface waters.

Pointless Personal Pollution contains many kinds of pollutants that contaminate our waters in many ways. Unlike many types of pollution, we can reduce and even prevent it! Some things we can do to prevent stormwater runoff pollution is:

- Shop wisely and buy products that readily decompose and will not pollute surface or ground waters.
- Store products safely and keep toxic products in original containers, closed and clear marked in safe storage places.
- Use garden and lawn chemicals wisely.
- Keep irrigation water on the lawn and garden (not on paved surfaces).
- Compost or recycle leaves, grass and shrub clippings.
- Don't drain used motor oil into storm drains.
- Service your car regularly to prevent leakage of motor oil, antifreeze and other fluids that can end up in nearby waterbodies.

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