

Working Together TO PROTECT STORMWATER PONDS

Stormwater ponds and wetlands are designed to intercept and treat stormwater.

Algae blooms or aquatic plants in ponds and lakes need nutrients to grow. Pollutants or nutrients entering a pond through stormwater runoff can lead to large algae blooms, excess plant growth or even hurt wildlife.



Property Owner Responsibility

- Pick up or rake up trash, leaves and grass from yards, streets and curbs.
- Never dispose of yard waste (or anything else) into ponds and storm drains
 - the waste contains phosphorus, which causes plants and algae to grow.
- Use biodegradable soaps for outdoor cleaning or car washing
- Sweep driveways and sidewalks instead of hosing them off.
- Pick up pet waste and dispose of it in the trash.
- Maintain healthy sod and grass to limit erosion. Re-seed or re-sod all bare areas to keep stormwater from washing soil particles, which also contain phosphorus, into a storm sewer or pond.

City Responsibility

The City does not treat stormwater ponds or wetlands for algae, weeds, odors or other aesthetic problems, however the City is responsible for the following tasks:

- Maintenance of the “hydraulic and treatment function” of water resources that are located within City-owned property, drainage or utility easements.
- Removal of sediment accumulation, obstructions and debris that impede the flow of water, and clearing clogged stormwater pipes.