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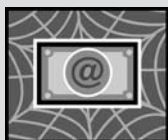
September thru June

10:00 am at the

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HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY GRANT TO SHADOW RUN FOR BIKE RACKS AND DOG WASTE STATIONS

By Janet Magnuson

In August 2013, I submitted an application for a grant from Hillsborough County for two bike racks and two dog waste stations. Hillsborough County approved a grant in the amount of \$2320. The actual cost was \$2088.69.

East side residents of Shadow Run had requested a bike rack next to the school bus stop for their children to use to secure their bikes. In the past the children rode their bikes to the bus stop and placed the bikes behind the brick wall and bushes. After meeting with residents on the East side, a location was determined near the entrance to Shadow Run.

On Saturday, May 31 at 9:00 am, the bike racks and dog waste stations were installed by volunteers. One bike rack was placed near the school bus stop on the East side of Shadow Run. The remaining bike rack was placed inside the fence on the West side of the dam. The initial position was for the bike rack to be placed outside the fence, but when digging for the holes, we found the old paved road that went across the dam was buried just under the surface.

The dog waste stations were installed at both entrances (East and West) to the dam just inside the fenced area. I was able to order an extensive supply of replacement bags and liners with the funds available from Hillsborough County. The landscaping company and Charles DelaRosa are maintaining the stations.

The Funding agency for the grant was the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners, Hillsborough County Children's Board, and the

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John Lindsay, Sam Greene,
Ed Ohman, Entienne Nortje
and daughter on the
East side of Shadow Run



SHADOW RUN HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION (SRHOA)

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Ron Trowbridge)

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SHADOW RUN DAM CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT

Tom Behrens - 671-9089

TREASURER - Gene Porter

SECRETARY - Paulo Silva

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Yousuf Akhter
Peter Sabonis
Josh Smith

*Meetings the first Monday of the month at
7:00 p.m. In one of the director's homes.*

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SHADOW RUN DAM CORPORATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES • May 19, 2014

AGENDA

I. Call to order
Meeting called to order 6:00PM

II. Calling of roll and certifying of proxies

Present: Thomas Behrens, Yousuf Akhter, Peter Sabonis,
A Paulo Silva

Regrets: Gene Porter, Josh Smith

Proxies counted by Linda J. Lack.

A quorum was reached at 7:30PM after confirming that the
prerequisite 127 ballots were received via mail or in hand at
the meeting.

I. Reading and disposal of an unapproved minutes
The minutes from 2013 were not available during the meeting.

II. Reports of officers
No reports from the officers were provided.

III. Reports of committees
No reports from the committees.

IV. Election of inspectors of election
Meeting was reconvened at 7:45 to have the ballots indepen-
dently certified by Ilze Nortje and Catherine Scaglione.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Ilze Nortje Catherine Flyte-Scaglione

Election of Officers	Count	Count	Total
Paulo Silva	62	54	116
Peter Sabonis	61	53	114
Josh Smith	61	53	114
Abstentions	9	12	21
Write In (Catherine Flyte-Scaglione)	1		1
Write In (Al Rousseau)	1		1
Write In (Charles Mays)	1		1

Budget Vote:

Ilze Nortje Catherine Scaglione

Budget Vote	Count	Total
Approved	69	57
Disapprove	2	3
Abstentions	2	1

V. Unfinished business
None.

VI. New business
Work party announced for the morning of Saturday, May 24th
at 9:30.

VII. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned 7:39PM

SHADOW RUN HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES May 23, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER

Organizational Board Meeting: Monday, May 23, 2014 called
to order at 6:30 PM by Jim Petosky, Chairperson, at 12303
Shadow Run Blvd., Riverview, Florida. The meeting was called
to order four days following the annual homeowners meeting.

II. ROLL CALL - Quorum Present

Members Present: Seymie Wilkerson, Helga Sanchez, David
DeVelder, Jim Petosky, David Leneberg, Robert Hagin, Etienne
Nortje, Charles Delarosa, Don McCann.
Members Not Present: 0

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND APPOINTMENT OF ACCOUNT SIGNATORIES

The following were appointed unanimously as Corporate Offi-
cers: Seymie Wilkerson, President; Jim Petosky, Vice President;
Helga Sanchez, Treasurer; David DeVelder, Secretary.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned
at 7:15 PM.

Approved by the Board on June 17, 2014.

THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING TO BE HELD AUGUST 18, 2014 (7:00 PM) at The Riverview Civic Center, 11020 Park Drive, Riverview, FL

Minutes of board meetings are available on our website
www.ourshadowrun.com.

Minutes from the April and June Board of Directors meetings
have not been approved at this time.

There was no regular Board of Directors meeting in May.

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SHADOW RUN HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION (SRHOA)

COMMITTEES

COMMON AREAS

Stan Klos, Charles Delarosa,
Ron Dean

FINANCIAL

Don McCann.....671-0097

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Carolyn Leneberg - Garage Sale
Antonia Delarosa - Easter

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE

See Shadow Run's website

www.ourshadowrun.com
for architectural procedures
and forms

Stan Klos, Chairman813-598-7492
Richard Gibson
Dempsey Wilson
William Paes
Charles Delarosa
Ron Dean
Don McCann

WELCOME NEIGHBOR

Judy Paes 813-677-7512
rexsmom@verizon.net

COMMUNITY SERVICES

NEWSLETTER

Janet Magnuson.....813-672-6257

LOST OR FOUND PETS

Colleen Gentile ... 813-767-4224

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

THE TROWBRIDGE COMPANY

Ron Trowbridge.....813-264-1119
Post Office Box 273708
Tampa, Florida 33688

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Shadow Run HOA.

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and/or its membership.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY GRANT TO SHADOW RUN FOR BIKE RACKS AND DOG WASTE STATIONS

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Frank E Duckwall Foundation within the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay. The grant program was assisted by the Hillsborough County Office of Neighborhood Relations.

I would like to thank John Lindsay, Entienne Nortjie, Sam Greene, and Ed Ohman for helping install the dog waste stations and bike racks. Thanks also to Tom Behrens from the Shadow Run Dam Corporation for opening the gates for the volunteers to access the dam common grounds.

I have already started the 2015 grant application with Hillsborough County for trash cans and park benches to be utilized at the dam.



Janet Magnuson by the dam with new dog waste station



Ed and Joan Ohman on the West side of Shadow Run's dam

LAKE GRADY WATER QUALITY TESTED

The Environmental Protection Commission of Hillsborough County (EPCHC) responded to a concerned resident's report that Shadow Run residents have noticed a decline in wildlife in and around Lake Grady and asked if it was possible for them to test Lake Grady's water quality and determine what the "yucky green stuff" was along the shoreline of the dam. On June 24th EPCHC sent one of their Environmental Scientist to Shadow Run and he reported the following.

"Most of the lake looked very normal, and had plenty of fish and wildlife. However, the green stuff is an algae bloom that was collecting along the northwestern corner. I took some pictures and a sample. The Temperature, Dissolved oxygen, pH, and Salinity were are normal. We looked at the algae under the microscope and found out that it was a type of Anabaena in very large numbers. This is a very common algae in lakes throughout the United States, especially with the heat and rain. It will most likely use up the nutrients in the lake and go away on its own. It may have the potential to disrupt oxygen levels in the water and cause a fish kill in the lake, but there is not much that can be done other than to just let it run its course. In the meantime – it can be an irritant to animals that ingest the water, so it might be best of pets don't drink the water for now."

REMINDER:

Do not deposit yard waste and trash cans at the curb until the night before pickup day.

ADVERTISING IS EASY & AFFORDABLE!

Any company or individual interested in advertising in the SHADOW RUNNER should contact Nancy Law, Adaly@tampabay.com at 813-226-3340.

OUTDOOR WATER USE RESTRICTIONS FOR ALL PROPERTIES IN UNINCORPORATED HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, CHANGES EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2014

As of March 1, 2014 outdoor water use for irrigation of established lawns and landscaping is restricted to a maximum of two days per week according to a property's address. Irrigation must be accomplished prior to 8:00 am or after 6:00 pm. Any one zone of a property may only be watered once during the allowable day, NOT both in the morning and evening. **These rules apply to all sources of water including well water and surface water.** The prescribed days are as follows:

Addresses ending in the number 0, 1, 2 or 3:	Mondays and/or Thursday only
Addresses ending in the number 4, 5 or 6:	Tuesdays and/or Fridays only
Addresses ending in the number 7, 8 or 9:	Wednesdays and/or Saturdays only
Locations with no address (common areas, entry areas) and locations with mixed addresses (office complexes, shopping centers)	Wednesdays and/or Saturdays only

Irrigation of New Lawns and Landscaping is restricted as follows:

For new plant material including turfgrass:

On days 1-30, beginning on the day of installation, new plant material including turfgrass may be watered any day of the week, but not between the hours of 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. On days 31-60, new plant material including turfgrass may be watered as follows: Even-numbered addresses may only water on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday; Odd-numbered addresses, locations with no address, and locations with mixed addresses may only water on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. Following this period all new plant material is considered established and must follow the two day per week restrictions outlined above.

NOTE: All new plant material (new or replacement turfgrass or new plants/shrubs) must cover at least 50% of an irrigation zone in order to water with an in-ground sprinkler system during the establishment period. If not, the new plant material must be hand watered following the same time of day and day of week restrictions for new plant establishment. (Ex: If you purchased one flat of grass plugs to place throughout your front yard to fill in bare spots, this would not cover 50% of an irrigation zone. Hand watering would be required). Additionally, only those zones containing 50% new plant material may be watered, not the entire yard. (Ex: If you had your entire front yard re-sodded, but not your backyard, only those zones covering the front yard could be run during the establishment period. The back yard zones would have to remain on the regular watering schedule. Most irrigation timers have an A & B program. Program A can be set for the regular watering. Program B can be programmed for multiple days to only water those zones containing the new plant material during the establishment period).

Low Volume Irrigation Low volume irrigation is defined as a maximum of one half gallon per minute (30 gallons per hour) per emitter. Low volume irrigation is not approved for lawns or turfgrass. Low volume irrigation of plant materials other than lawns and grass is allowed any day at any time. The use must not be wasteful and unnecessary.

Hand Watering Hand watering of plant materials **other** than lawns and turfgrass may occur on any day and at any time. Hand watering of lawns and turfgrass may only occur during the designated day and time for irrigation of established lawns and landscaping at that address.

Chemical Treatment If chemicals such as pesticides, fertilizer, herbicides, insecticides and fungicides are applied to your lawn or landscape plant by a certified professional applicator, they can be watered in according to manufacturer's instructions within 24 hours of the chemical treatment: the evening of the application, or the morning afterward. Applying water following a chemical treatment by a certified professional applicator is allowable on your non-designated watering day **provided** a dated chemical advisory marker showing the date of application is visible in the yard. All such watering must be prior to 8:00 am or after 6:00 pm. **If you apply a chemical treatment to your lawn or landscape plants yourself, the watering in of those chemicals must be done on your designated watering day for your address prior to 8:00 am or after 6:00 pm.**

Car Washing, Pressure Washing and Fountains are not restricted.

Irrigation System Maintenance: Irrigation systems may be operated during restricted days or hours for cleaning and maintenance purposes, but limited to ten (ten) minutes per week. An attendant must remain visibly on site during the entire cleaning and maintenance operation.

THESE REGULATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

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Association Management Division

NOTICE TO LAKE FRONT LOT OWNERS SHADOW RUN HOA

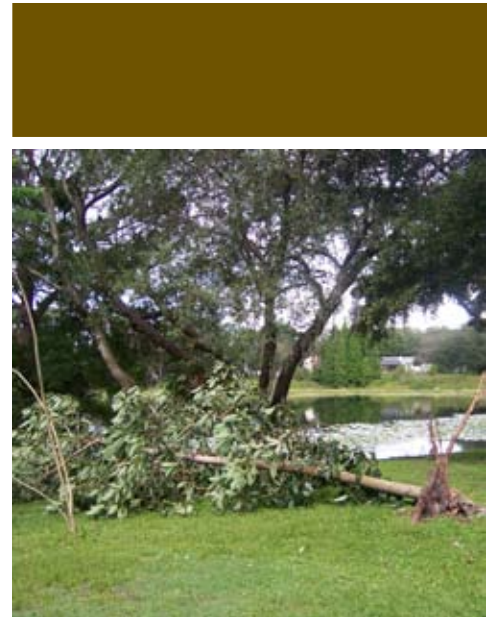
The Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission provides the Statewide Nuisance Alligator program. The program in part strives to reduce the threat from alligators to people and their property in developed areas.

Nuisance alligators are normally those over 4 feet in length that pose a threat to people, pets, or property. Upon notification and verification, the Commission can issue a trapping permit for the collection and disposal of the gator.

Concerned homeowners may report nuisance alligators by calling 866-FWC-GATOR (866-392-4286). Callers should be prepared to describe the nuisance situation, give the approximate length of the alligator, identify the normal location and time of day of the sightings and in some cases be available to show the trapper the possible location of the gator.

The Commission may request to obtain permission from the HOA for entering the subdivision to trap the gator. For that request, simply give them the phone number for Management at 813-264-1119.

P.O. Box 273708, Tampa, Florida 33688 (813) 264-1119 FAX (813) 265-2598



AVOCADO TREES

By Janet Magnuson

In our backyard, we had three avocado trees that were planted too close together. Last year we cut down two of the trees. These are photos of my 15 year old avocado tree that was blown over by recent high winds. It was the second time high winds have knocked it over.

The first time, John pulled it in an upright position with his truck and we tied it to a nearby tree. After months of the tree being braced, we took off the support rope. It was only a short time later the high winds knocked the tree over again. There were dozens of small green avocados that remained on the tree. It was not the right location for the tree. We cut the tree up and hauled it to the dump.



SHADOW RUN ON FACEBOOK:

If you would like to join us on facebook, go to
www.facebook/groups/shadowrunneighborhood/

Go to closed group
Join group to submit a request to join
Wait for administrator to add you

Janet Dougherty

For County Commission
District 4



Transportation Solutions

Being a lifelong resident and involved in local transportation taskforces, I am familiar with the traffic congestion that faces our county. I favor improving our transportation infrastructure and **do not support Light Rail in Hillsborough County.**

Community Involvement

I will conduct evening meetings across the county that will allow me to hear **your opinions and suggestions.**

Transparency

It is important to have a fresh set of eyes on where our tax payer money is being spent. As a business owner, I know the importance of **reducing costs and capitalizing investments.**

Military Advocate

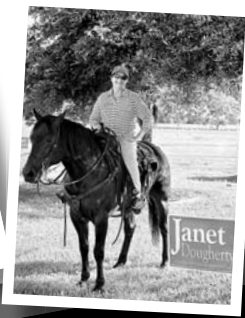
As someone who is very proud of my family's multigenerational service, I have worked with the Veterans Council, been an advocate for our military and a **champion of veteran affairs.**



"My professional background includes decades of experience in land use, transportation and water management. These are the complex issues that come before the Hillsborough County Commission."

Thank you for your consideration!

Janet



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SHADOW RUN IS GETTING 21ST CENTURY COMMUNICATIONS FOR OUR HOME OWNERS

Submitted by David DeVelder

This article is all about informing, exciting, and motivating neighbors to take action by embracing a new way to communicate in Shadow Run.

Our lives are affected by our SRHOA board who take action each month on issues we need to know about. Presently our only means of learning about the impact of the board's action is either attend the board meetings or read the minutes in the Shadow Runner.

Two Problems

1. Few of us are willing to spend two or three hours witnessing the workings and results of our board at their monthly meeting. After all, we elected officials to whom we put our faith that actions will be taken in our best and desired interest. This is not to excuse us from attending as the best way to be in the know is to be front and center at the meetings.

2. By the time the minutes of the meeting are published in the SR 3 months have elapsed. Old news is no news. Worse than that, as noted during the last election, had our residents had board news in a media that we use every day we might have had a smoother, more productive election.

Look to the last sentence above for the answer: "...a media we use every day." Media that 90% of the population uses daily in one form or another.

The Internet

And that media is the internet which offers us three communication possibilities:

- 1. Our website, <http://www.ourshadowrun.com/>
- 2. Your email, and
- 3. Text or Instant Messaging.

The good news: #1 above already exists. Not only that but the first draft of the minutes of the June BOD meeting were up on the site in a matter of days. Go check it out. Not only that, but all minutes for 2013 and 2014 are posted and up to date.

The needy news: We need an email from you with your contract information to get started on rounding out our communications system with emails, etc: Name/Address/Cell phone number.

EXTREME IMPORTANCE

In a community wide emergence, one that would require us to mobilize as a community, the Instant Message (texting) via cell phone could be extremely helpful in saving lives and property. Think, weather; Think fire; Think national emergency. Get the picture?

There are now email lists floating around from recent attempts to communicate en masse to Shadow Run homes which are incomplete and inaccurate. We need an accurate, up to date list so please email us your contact info.

Important issues can't wait 30, 60, 90 days until the next ShadowRunner is published.

Please submit your contact info on the contact page of ourshadowrun.com.

E-MAIL

Enter your Name:

E-mail address:

Message Subject:

Enter your Message:

Click on #2

Please fill out this form.

Message Subject

is <<Communication.

<< Cell phone

in Message box

TEEN DRIVER SAFETY.....

The start of the school year means that many teens will be getting behind the wheel of the family car to drive to school, to part time jobs, or to hang out with their friends.

While teen deaths caused by car crashes have dropped dramatically over the last 10 years, car crashes are still the number one killer of teens, and I want to help make sure that you are informed so that our kids don't become a part of that statistic.

Keeping your teen safe when they are out on the road is something that every parent just like you and me worries about every minute of every day. Here are a few suggestions from the report to help reduce speeding by your teen driver:

• Enforce Local Laws- Most states have laws regarding teen driving. Many of them have curfews as well as passen-

ger restrictions because research shows teens are more likely to speed at night and when they are carrying teen passengers. Find out the laws in your area and enforce them with your teen.

• Vehicle Ownership- Research shows that teens that have their own car are more likely to speed. I would recommend not allowing a teen to have primary access to a car for at least the first year after getting their license. Make them ask you for the keys and tell you where they are going, keeping them accountable and helping foster a safe driving attitude.

• Check In On Them - If calling your teen to check in isn't enough accountability for your peace of mind, consider using a monitoring system of some kind. There are many apps available that can provide parents with tons of feedback on how their teen is driving. Programs like this

can collect information on speed, acceleration, hard braking as well as the miles driven. Check out your smart phone's app store for options like Canary, Mama-Bear Child Tracker, Rapid Protect, and more that can help you keep tabs on your kids.

• A Safe Car- The car your teen drives should be as safe as possible. Check safety ratings and make sure it has all of the latest safety features. Some new Fords have a smart key option that lets a parent set the top speed of the vehicle, and many other makers are also taking strides in safety like this as well. Do your research when choosing a new car so that you make a confident, safe decision for your family.

Keeping your teen driver safe is a project that never ends. Using these tips is a great first step in protecting your teen every time they get behind the wheel.



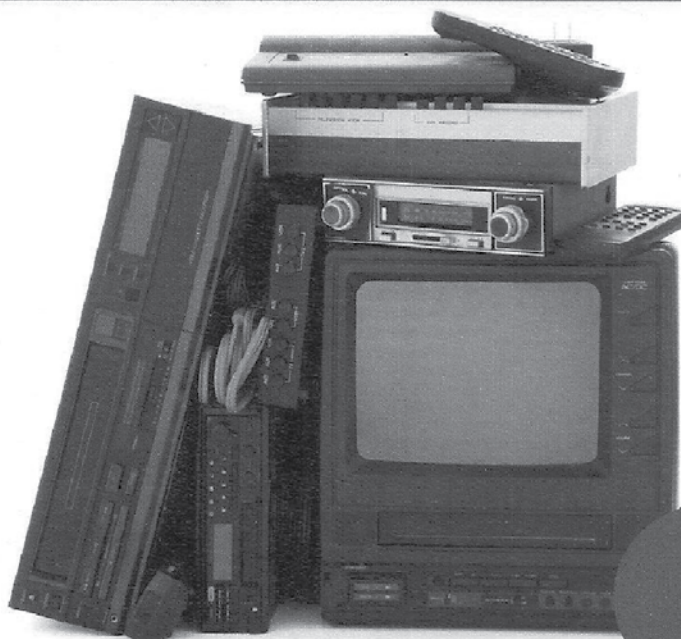
Household Electronics Collections

6 DAYS A WEEK

Electronics and Scrap Metal
Monday - Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Electronics

Computers & components
Copiers
Fax machines
Laptop computers
Monitors
Printers
Radios
Scanners
Stereo component
Telephones
Cell phones
Televisions
VCR / DVD players



Scrap Metal

Microwave ovens
Electric motors
Ceiling fans
Pool pump motors
Electric saws
Treadmills
Lawn equipment

ID Required:
Photo ID and Hillsborough
County Tax Assessment

LITHIA

Alderman Ford
9402 State Road 39
(813) 757-3820

SEFFNER

Hillsborough Heights
6209 County Road 579
(813) 744-5533

TAMPA

Northwest County
8001 W. Linebaugh Ave.
(813) 264-3816

GIBSONTON

South County
13000 U.S. Hwy 41
(813) 671-7611

Household Chemicals and Electronics

Rotating Saturday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

TAMPA

Sheldon Road
First Saturday monthly
9805 Sheldon Road

GIBSONTON

South County
Second Saturday monthly
13000 U.S. Highway 41

SEFFNER

East County
Third Saturday monthly
6209 County Road 579

Small bathroom and kitchen appliances can be discarded in your regular trash:
toasters, crock pots, electric skillets, blenders, hair dryers, curling irons, holiday string lights

Solid Waste Customer Service (813) 272-5680 • Household Chemical and Electronics Information (813) 964-2769
www.HillsboroughCounty.org/SolidWaste

MAINTAINING DRIVEWAYS AND SIDEWALKS

One of the other less glamorous jobs that comes with home ownership, is that of keeping driveways and sidewalks looking clean and tidy.

Pressure washing the sidewalk and driveway is a relatively quick and easy way to make your home look loved and well cared for. There are plenty of contractors advertising pressure washing services, but as this will be a regular activity you might want to consider buying a pressure washer from a local DIY store, these are relatively inexpensive and will pay for themselves after just a few uses. Here are some of the basics that you need to be aware of if you're going to tackle this job yourself...

To start with, sweep the surface to be cleaned removing dust and any loose debris from the area using a stiff broom. Protect any plants, grass, walls or garage doors with plastic sheeting to protect against any accidental damage or paint removal!!

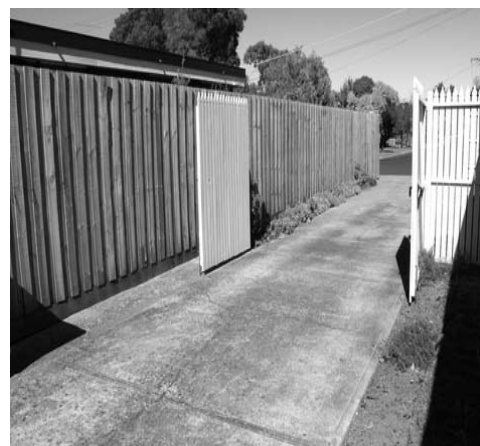
Next you'll need to protect yourself,

with a pair of strong shoes (no flip flops – just take my word for it on this one!), protective gloves and eye wear and be sure to familiarize yourself with the pressure washer controls and where the emergency cut-off switch is.

If the area is badly stained you might need to use special cleaning detergents or even a mild bleach solution, but you should carefully follow any directions on the cleaning product bottle, and for obvious reasons try to avoid pressure washing on a windy day.

Start pressure washing from the highest point working slowly and in a methodical way, choosing a suitable spray nozzle.

Once the pressure washing is complete and the area has had time to dry, a quick application of any one of the many weed killers (available from your local DIY store) will remove unwanted shoots of grass and weeds from the gaps between the concrete slabs will do wonders to keep things looking great.

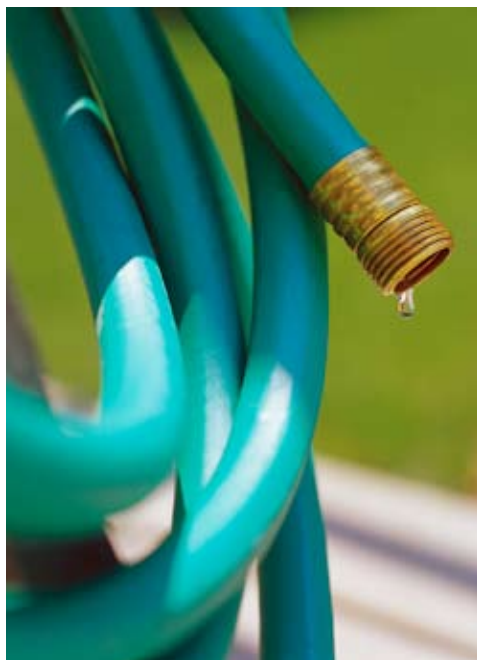


Avoid applying on a windy day to minimize overspray onto that carefully tended lawn, keeping kids and pets out of the way until the product has dried. Depending on your chosen product you might need to leave warning signs out (see product label for full details).

If the labels are to be believed this could keep the weeds at bay for up to 6 months, although in my experience you'll probably need to re-apply the weed-killer every 2-3 months to keep on top of things.

FLORIDA FRIENDLY WATERING TIPS

Reduce the need for watering by choosing water-efficient and drought-tolerant plants, including those native to your site, and plant them in the right place. If you group plants according to their water (and light) needs, you can simplify watering methods and systems. For



example, separate turf irrigation zones from tree and shrub zones.

If you have an automatic sprinkler system, install a rain shutoff device or sensor that will override the system when it rains. Set this device to shut off your system when half an inch of rain has fallen. Florida law requires rain shutoff devices on all automatic sprinkler systems installed since 1991. Your county's UF/IFAS Extension office, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) or a certified irrigation professional can provide technical assistance.

Water in the early morning (4–7 a.m.). This is the most efficient time because temperature and wind speeds are at their lowest, which reduces evaporation. Also, grasses are less susceptible to fungus if water is applied at the time that dew normally forms.

Avoid watering between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Temperature and wind speeds are at their highest during this time — so evaporative losses are more likely.

Follow this simple watering schedule for grass: Apply ½" to ¾" of water when grass shows signs of distress (bluish-gray

color/folded leaf blades). Do not water again until symptoms reappear.

If rain is predicted within the next 24 hours, don't irrigate.

Use a rain gauge to measure rainfall volume.

Experiment with gradual reductions in irrigation to see if plants can tolerate less water. Some people use no irrigation, but have healthy plants.

Water less in cooler months (November – March). Turn off automatic watering systems in summer if rainfall is consistent and in winter months when little water evaporates.

Make sure your sprinkler system is applying uniform coverage and operating properly. This single action proves to be one of the best ways to conserve water.

Check your system periodically for broken heads or leaks.

Excerpt from "A guide to Florida-Friendly Landscaping" University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) Environmental Horticulture Dept., P.O. Box 110675, Gainesville, FL 32611-0675

Reminder for Residents: **Please pick up your dog feces.**
Waste stations are now located on the dam.

WHY IS PET WASTE A PROBLEM?

The problem with Pet Waste: Pet waste contains untreated fecal matter which is a primary source of harmful bacteria such as E. coli, Cryptosporidium, Giardia and Salmonella. When left on the ground, pet waste can be washed into our waterway and cause bacterial contamination. It is also unsightly and when stepped on, and causes a smelly mess on shoes that is hard to remove. Pet waste on playing fields may pose a risk to children, adults and pets.

Pet waste can also have a financial impact. This is because one of the major pollutants that is controlled by the Clean Water Act is bacterial pollution. In many cases a significant part of bacterial pollution in our streams is from domestic animals (pets and other domesticated animals). Many areas of Hillsborough County are surrounded by, and include water resources which receive stormwater runoff from our lawns, fields and sidewalks. This stormwater carries pet waste to our lakes and ponds and eventually to the Hillsborough River. Thus, the pet waste contributes to water pollution in our lakes and ponds and the Hillsbor-

ough River. Since Hillsborough County is required by a national rule called the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), to monitor and remove listed pollutants, pet waste can require the spending of important government funds (your tax dollars).

What you can do to stop pet waste pollution:

If you walk a dog, scoop the poop. Scooping your pooch's poop isn't just a courtesy for those walking behind you or the home owner whose lawn was used for deposits; it's the healthy and environmentally sound thing to do. People may not pick up after their dog because they think it's gross or they're not sure how to dispose of the waste. Picking up after your dog is easy and it's the law! The Hillsborough County Stormwater Ordinance deems it illegal to dump any waste materials into the municipal stormwater system and pet waste is considered a pollutant. So please pick up your waste. Here are some additional reasons for picking up pet waste:

- *Environmental reasons*
- *Hygiene/health reasons*
- *Neighborhood courtesy*
- *It's the right thing to do*

Here are some easy steps for dealing with your pet's waste:

1. Always carry a plastic bag when you walk your dog. Reusing an old newspaper delivery bag or plastic grocery bag works well. To avoid unpleasant surprises, check the bag for holes before your pet's walk! You can also purchase a handy bag dispenser with 50 bags for a dollar at the Dollar Tree.

2. Use the bag as a glove to pick up the pet waste. Turn the bag inside out around the waste; scoop it up, seal the bag, and dispose of it in a trash can.

3. Don't place bagged or unbagged pet waste in a storm drain, or hose pet waste towards the street.

4. Don't compost pet waste. Compost piles may not get hot enough to kill disease-causing organisms.

5. Remove waste from areas where children play or where you garden.

6. Wash your hands with warm, soapy water after dealing with pet waste!



For more information visit the following web links:

<http://www.tbep.org/bayminigrants.html>

<http://baysoundings.com/sum06/scoopthepoop.asp>

http://www.tbep.org/pdfs/newsletters/TBEP_Newsletter_Dec10.pdf

http://water.epa.gov/type/oceb/nep/upload/2009_05_28_estuaries_inaction_Effective_TampaBay.pdf

http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/menuofbmps/index.cfm?action=factsheet_results&view=specific&bmp=4

http://www.tampagov.net/dept_stormwater/information_resources/environment_and_water_quality/Illegal_Dumping.asp



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