

Storm drains flow directly into our oceans, not to wastewater treatment plants.

- **Don't dump anything down the storm drain** that you wouldn't swim in or drink. It's that simple.
- **Pick up all pet waste.** Pet waste left on the ground ends up in nearshore waters where it adds harmful bacteria causing health risks to swimmers and threatening our marine environment.
- **Don't litter!** Trash can entangle, maim, and drown wildlife, and smother coral. Grocery bags and pieces of plastic look like food to many animals. When ingested they can cause starvation and death.
- **Put cigarette butts in the trash,** in your pocket or carry a small container. Cigarette butts have been found in the stomachs of fish, whales, and other marine animals.
- **Make your car reef friendly.** Recycle used oil and quickly fix leaks. Wash your car on the lawn, not the driveway or street.
- **Use caution with household hazardous waste.** Clean paintbrushes in the sink, not outdoors. Bring leftover paint and other toxic waste to Household Hazardous Waste collection days. **Key West hosts a monthly free hazardous waste and e-waste drop at Indigenous Park next to the Key West Wildlife Center on the 1st Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. - noon.*
- **Properly dispose of construction debris** such as concrete & mortar.
- **Don't blow yard waste into the street** where it will clog storm drains and cause flooding. Compost yard waste or bag it for collection.
- **Use lawn chemicals as directed.** Fertilizers, pesticides and other lawn and garden chemicals wreak havoc on marine life. Avoid applying chemicals where they could be washed into drains when it rains.

What you put in the street ends up on our reefs and beaches. Spread the word! Educate your friends and family about storm water pollution.

To report a violation contact Code Compliance Services at 305-809-3740,
For City of Key West stormwater questions, contact 305-809-3902

For more information call
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The Ocean Begins in Our Streets

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