

AN OAK ISLAND STORMWATER PROGRAM



Community Cleanup

Saturday, February 21, 2009 from 9:00 am till noon
From 40th SE St.— 58th SE St. along Pelican Drive

One of the most tried and true ways of keeping trash out of the waterway is picking it up before it gets there. Just as when you stroll the beach with a bag in your hand, you should consider doing the same for areas in your neighborhood. Remember, the trash isn't going to leap into a can on its own.

It's very common to have debris end up in the ditches along the road. By helping to clean this up before the next major storm you can keep a lot of pollution out of the water. Just consider the estimated biodegradation rates of the following typical items of trash (courtesy of Mote Marine Laboratory):

- paper towel (2-4 weeks)
- cotton gloves (1-5 months)
- cotton rope (3-14 months)
- waxed milk carton (3 months)
- plywood (1-3 years)
- biodegradable diaper (12 months)
- Styrofoam cup (50 years)
- tin can (50 years)
- monofilament fishing line (600 years)
- aluminum can (200 years)



Trash bags and gloves will be provided.

Meet at 48th SE & Pelican Dr.
(adjacent to the soccer fields)

Please contact John Michaux to register so that we'll have enough bags and gloves for everyone. Also, leave a contact number in the event of cancellation due to weather.

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For more information see <http://oakislandcleanwater.org>