### We need your help!

As Marco Island residents and visitors, it is our responsibility to help protect our waterways. Regardless of whether we're out on the water for recreation or to make a living, we share responsibility for the life we love by keeping our canals, bays and beaches vibrant,



clean and healthy.

Did you know?



Marco Island has nearly 100 miles of man-made canals.

There are 5,723 homes located on canals or waterfront property.



# Healthy Waterways Begin with You!

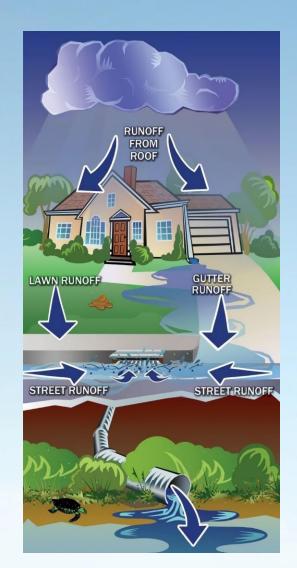
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## Things you can do to improve water quality

## Beware of Fertilizer Use

#### **REMEMBER!**



Whatever is on the ground, roofs, driveways, lawns, or sidewalks, eventually flows to our canals.

- Never dump anything down storm drains.
- Use mulching mowers to cut grass.
- Never dump or blow any vegetation into your canal.
- Never allow roof gutters or pool overflows to drain directly into canals.
- Test your irrigation system make sure your sprinklers are operating in the correct direction.
- Maintain your swale no gravel, shell or loose material permitted.
- Boaters! Never pump-out into local waterways. Free facilities are available.

- **Do Not** fertilize in the rainy season June 1-September 30
- When using fertilizer or pesticides, follow label directions and **do not overuse.**
- Do not fertilize within 10 feet of your canal
- Remind your landscaper of these requirements

