

Harbor Isle Lake Remediation Project

The HIHOA Board is launching a program to clean up our severely polluted lake. The pollution is the result of years of reclaimed water, fertilizer, and lawn clippings going into our lake either directly or via neighborhood storm drains, causing extremely high levels of nutrients that are harming the lake and its wildlife. Please help by doing the following:

- Get a free sprinkler system check-up and free rain sensor installation from the City of St. Pete. http://www.stpete.org/water/water_conservation/docs/CONS%20Form%20SSP%20Phase%208%20Application%20FINAL%2020180404.pdf
- Water only when your lawn shows signs of drought. If 30 – 50% of the grass blades are wilted first thing in the morning it is time to water on your next available day.
- Water no more than 3X a week and apply ½” – ¾” of water at each watering. During cooler months, water only 2x a week.
- Homes with addresses ending in even numbers should water on Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturday. Homes with addresses ending in odd numbers should water on Wednesday, Friday, or Sunday.
- Water only between 5AM-9AM or 7PM-11PM.
- Perform regular maintenance of your irrigation system, repairing leaks and unclogging and repairing broken heads. Make sure sprinkler heads are directed at plants and lawn—not driveways, sidewalks, and streets.
- Make sure all lawn service providers have a BMP (Best Management Practices) certification from Pinellas County and display a vehicle decal.
- No grass clippings, sand, or leaves should be left on driveways, sidewalks, or streets. Either pick them up and put them in the garbage or blow them onto your lawn. Never allow them to go into storm drains.
- Observe the Pinellas County fertilizer ban from June 1 – September 30.
- Keep all clippings, fertilizer, and reclaimed water at least 10 feet away from any body of water. All lakefront and waterfront homeowners should consider installing a no-mow and no-maintenance plant buffer zone, which will not only function as a protective barrier but will also prevent erosion.

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