



# Edgewater Shorelines

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## Why Install a Rain Barrel?

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### Special points of interest:

- \* For the latest news and events go to [www.cityofedgewater.org](http://www.cityofedgewater.org).
- \* City Manager Tracey Barlow will be previewing the City Council Agenda on the 1st & 3rd Monday of each month on radio WSBB AM 1230 @ 7:45am
- \* Volunteers are always needed at the Animal Shelter located at 605 Mango Tree Drive, if you are interested please stop by or call 386-424-2442.

Rain barrels are above ground water storage vessels. They capture rain runoff from a building roof using the gutter and downspout system. Rain barrels can go a long way in offsetting your water needs: including gardening, car washing, watering plants indoors and outdoors. Did you know that during a typical rain event (1 inch in 24 hours) more than 700 gallons of water runs off the roof of a typical home? When this rain runs off the roof onto imperious surfaces, it cannot soak into the ground. As this runoff crosses the surfaces it picks up sediment, pesticides, fertilizers, oil and other pollutants. This rainwater eventually enters a storm drain or

nearby waterway. A rain barrel intercepts stormwater and puts it to good use as well as stopping the pollutants entering our waterways.

You can make or purchase your rain barrel. A rain barrel can cost anywhere from a few dollars to hundreds of dollars. Before you make or purchase your rain barrel do a little research to decide where you will install your rain barrel, look closely to see where each downspout is directing your runoff. Place your rain barrel where it can collect rain that would otherwise become destructive stormwater runoff.

### Benefits of a Rain Barrel

\*Reduces water pollution

in our waterways by reducing stormwater runoff. \*Rainwater is naturally soft water with no additives to irritate plants.

### Rain Barrels



### Reduce Water Pollution install a Rain Barrel

- \*Direct overflow water away from building foundations to more desired locations.
- \*Save money on your water bill.

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## Labor Day Holiday Refuse/Recycling Schedule

The City will be closed on Monday, September 7th for Labor Day Holiday. Refuse/Recycling Holiday Schedule will be as follows:

**Monday** Pickup will be done on TUESDAY

**Tuesday** Pickup will be done on WEDNESDAY.

**Thursday** pickup will be done on THURSDAY.

**Friday** pickup will be done on FRIDAY.

There will be NO pickup of bagged or contained grass, leaves or pine needles on Wednesday.

If you have any questions please contact the Environmental Services Department at 424-2476.

## The Community Renewal Act

On June 1 2009, Governor Crist signed into law Senate Bill 360 (The Community Renewal Act). SB 360 revised various aspects of growth management throughout the State of Florida. One such aspect was the extension of certain development permits for a period of two years. The language pertaining to said extensions is as follows with significant verbiage in italics and underlines:

- (1) Except as provided in subsection (4), and in recognition of 2009 real estate market conditions, any permit issued by the Department of Environmental Protection or a water management district pursuant to part IV of chapter 373, Florida Statutes, that has an expiration date of September 1, 2008, through January 1, 2012, is extended and renewed for a period of 2 years following its date of expiration. This extension includes any local government-issued development order or building permit. The 2-year extension also applies to build out dates including any build out date extension previously granted under s. 380.06(19)(c), Florida Statutes. This section shall not be construed to prohibit conversion from the construction phase to the operation phase upon completion of construction.
- (2) The commencement and completion dates for any required mitigation associated with a phased construction project shall be extended such that mitigation takes place in the same timeframe relative to the phase as originally permitted.
- (3) The holder of a valid permit or other authorization that is eligible for the 2-year extension shall notify the authorizing agency in writing no later than December 31, 2009, identifying the specific authorization for which the holder intends to use the extension and the anticipated timeframe for acting on the authorization.
- (4) The extension provided for in subsection (1) does not apply to:
  - (a) A permit or other authorization under any programmatic or regional general permit issued by the Army Corps of Engineers.
  - (b) A permit or other authorization held by an owner or operator determined to be in significant noncompliance with the conditions of the permit or authorization as established through the issuance of a warning letter or notice of violation, the initiation of formal enforcement, or other equivalent action by the authorizing agency.
  - (c) A permit or other authorization, if granted an extension, that would delay or prevent compliance with a court order.
- (5) Permits extended under this section shall continue to be governed by rules in effect at the time the permit was issued, except when it can be demonstrated that the rules in effect at the time the permit was issued would create an immediate threat to public safety or health. This provision shall apply to any modification of the plans, terms, and conditions of the permit that lessens the environmental impact, except that any such modification shall not extend the time limit beyond 2 additional years.
- (6) Nothing in this section shall impair the authority of a county or municipality to require the owner of a property that has notified the county or municipality of the owner's intention to receive the extension of time granted by this section, to maintain and secure the property in a safe and sanitary condition in compliance with applicable laws and ordinances.

If there are any questions related to requesting approval extensions for permits with an expiration date between September 1, 2008 through January 1, 2012, please contact the City of Edgewater Development Services Department at 386-424-2400 extension 1504.

**Reminder** – the City must receive permit extension requests no later than December 31, 2009.

## Yard Waste

Spring, Summer, Fall or Winter Florida always has leaves, pine needles, and plant clippings. Here are a few options you have in disposing of those leaves, pine needles, and clippings. Year round you can save money and help protect your environment, by using your yard debris instead of buying mulch and commercial fertilizers. Leaves and pine needles can be used as mulch or used in your compost pile for the making of great "black gold" soil to use in your flowerpots, flowerbeds, or gardens, etc.

### What is the difference between composting and mulching?

- **Composting** is a natural process of decomposition and the recycling of organic material into a rich soil amendment.

- **Mulching** is placing any material (leaves, pine needles, wood chips, paper, and rocks) over the soil to reduce the soil moisture evaporation, insulate plant roots from extreme temperature changes, reduce erosion and suppress weed growth.

### You may prefer to have your yard debris picked up by the City's Environmental Services Department.

General guidelines:

- Please place bags and /or containers to the curb on WEDNESDAY (except Holiday weeks) for pick up.
- All grass clippings, leaves, and pine needles MUST be bagged or contained to eliminate the possibility of interfering with the stormwater drainage system.

- Do not mix loose laying yard debris with your bagged or contained yard debris. (Keep separated for separate pick ups)
- All grass clippings, leaves, and pine needles bags or containers MUST be free of any other type of waste.
- Keep all bagged or contained yard debris at curbside not blocking your mailbox, driveway, or drainage swale/ditch area in front of your own home.

Yard debris is defined as: grass clippings, leaves, shrubbery, tree cuttings, pine needles, and-palm fronds, etc.

If you have any questions please contact the Environmental Services Department at 386-424-2476.

## Rain Barrel (Con't)

### Rain Barrel Safety

\*Rain barrel should be made from a food-grade container that was made to hold liquid.

\*Make sure to place on level ground; a full rain barrel can weigh over 500 pounds. Concrete blocks or pavers make a great base for your rain barrel, while raising it off the ground to increase your water pressure com-

ing out from your hose.

\*Make sure to monitor for overflow, to eliminate erosion problems.

\*The water collected should never be used for drinking or given to animals.

### Links to How to Build Your Own Rain Barrel:

[Http://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/conservation/rainbarrel/make-a-rain-barrel.html](http://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/conservation/rainbarrel/make-a-rain-barrel.html)

[Http://sarasota.extension.ufl.edu/Hort/Pubs/Rainbarrel.shtml](http://sarasota.extension.ufl.edu/Hort/Pubs/Rainbarrel.shtml)

[Http://www.marc.org/Environment/Water/buildrainbarel.htm](http://www.marc.org/Environment/Water/buildrainbarel.htm)

[www.CityofEdgewater.org](http://www.CityofEdgewater.org)

### September Artist of the Month

Edgewater Leisure Services will be featuring the work of Marjorie Harris Clark for the month of September. Marjorie is a muralist and decorative painter, with roses and children as her specialty. She also paints wildlife and seascapes and does custom work as well. She teaches painting and holds seminars locally here in Edgewater. Come see her work at the Leisure Services office at 1108 S. Ridgewood Ave., Monday-Friday, 8:00-4:30.

City Hall and City Departments  
will be closed

Monday, September 7th for  
the Labor Day Holiday.

The City hopes everyone has a  
safe Labor Day Holiday.

### Does your smoke alarm work?

No or not sure-call the Edgewater  
Fire-Rescue at 424-2445 for a free  
inspection.

### Who Let The Dogs Out? Learn our City Ordinances Brought to you by your friendly neighborhood Animal Control Officers

#### Will I get in trouble if my dog gets lost?

Most likely, no; however, if it happens more than once, you may be issued a citation for your dog running at large (Chapter 5. Sec. 5-14). In the City of Edgewater, we make every effort to reunite lost pets with their owners. It makes our job exponentially easier when the dog is wearing a City issued tag on his collar. The tags can be obtained at the Animal Shelter for \$15.00 if your dog or cat is spayed or neutered. It's better to call early so we can help you look.

#### How often do I get shots for my pet?

Pets get vaccinated against a variety of animal-related illnesses every year. Your vet may recommend a variety of vaccines to keep your pet healthy. The city of Edgewater only requires pets get vaccinated against rabies yearly (Sec. 5-30). A licensed veterinarian must vaccinate animals and the rabies tag must be attached to the collar (Sec. 5-33).  
Look for more questions and answers in upcoming issue. In the meantime, if you have a question you can contact Edgewater Animal Control at (386) 424-2481.

### Animal Shelter Benefit Raffle

The Edgewater Animal shelter is holding a raffle to benefit the Shelter Animals. The grand prize, a Weber Genesis Silver B Gas Grill ARV \$550 value, will be awarded to the winner during a special drawing on Saturday, Dec. 18, 2009 3pm at the Shelter. Tickets are available for a donation of \$5.00 for one or 3 for \$10.00. Tickets are available at the Edgewater Animal Shelter located at 605 Mango Tree Drive and the Edgewater Leisure Services office located at 1108 S. Ridgewood Ave. A Weber Q 200 Portable Gas Grill and a Weber Smokey Joe Charcoal Grill are available as second and third prizes. For additional information contact Christi Moeller at 386-424-2485 or email [CMoeller@cityofedgewater.org](mailto:CMoeller@cityofedgewater.org).