



# Edgewater Shorelines

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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
- \* If you need assistance with your smoke alarm call the Edgewater Fire-Rescue at 424-2445 for a free inspection.

## UTILITY BILLING NEWS

**Effective** with all utility bills sent out in **October**, this will be your only notice of payment due that the City will send out. In an effort to cut cost and maintain our present rates where possible the **Delinquency Notices** will **no longer** be sent out.

## October Artist of the Month

Edgewater Leisure services is featuring the work of Edgewater resident Harry Savells, Sr. for the month of October. His beautiful woodworking display of bowls, vases and accessories can be seen at the Leisure Services Office at 1108 S. Ridgewood Ave., Monday-Friday, 8:00-4:30.

## Make the Switch

October is energy awareness month, a month where consumers are reminded to make wise energy choices. The easiest way to save energy is to switch from traditional incandescent light bulbs to compact fluorescent bulbs that reduce energy consumption, generate less air pollution and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. If every household in Florida changed just one light to an ENERGY STAR® product, savings would total more than \$37 million in energy costs annually. In addition, Florida could save up to 351 million kilowatt-hours of electricity per year, which is enough energy to light all the households in Tallahassee for nearly three years, and prevent almost 540 million pounds of greenhouse gas emissions each year. For more energy tips visit [www.dep.state.fl.us/green/tips/tips.htm#home](http://www.dep.state.fl.us/green/tips/tips.htm#home).

## A Way You Can Help Your Community

The Free Spirit Outreach Community Resource Center, providing a food pantry and job service assistance collaborating with One Stop Career Center and partnering with Upper Room Chapel welcome people to contact them for services. Free Spirit Outreach Community Resource Center has been providing pantry assistance and social service referrals for over 20 years to the people of low or no income in Southeast Volusia County. On Christmas and Thanksgiving there

are complete holiday meals provided. Due to the current economic crisis in this country, more people are without jobs and in need of the food pantry. WE NEED YOUR HELP! In order to keep our food pantry open and continue to provide for the needy families in Edgewater, New Smyrna Beach, and Oak Hill. We are asking everyone to contribute something, so that we will be able to meet the needs of those families in our community who are in need. Donations of canned & boxed goods,

diapers, etc may be dropped off at the Center located at 159 Gaines St, Oak Hill, hours Mon & Fri 8am-12pm Wed 8am-2pm. Monetary donations may be dropped off or mailed to the main office at 1040 Fourth St, Daytona Beach, FL 32114 Attn: Food Pantry. For more information please contact Linda Howard, Marketing Director at 386-345-0430 or 386-492-7950, cell 386-334-3408, or email: [lindahfreespirit@yahoo.com](mailto:lindahfreespirit@yahoo.com)

## HOW TO PROTECT YOUR WATER FROM HOUSEHOLD HAZARDS

### Hazards

#### Common Household Hazards

##### Chemical Spray Applicators

The chemicals used on your lawn and garden can be toxic or fatal if ingested. These chemicals include pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers. Even strong cleaning chemicals sprayed on cars, house siding, etc., may cause health problems if ingested.

##### Submerged Hoses

Water held in pools, ponds or other vats open to the air and exposed to humans or animals may contain microbiological contaminants. Hoses submerged in buckets or containers can act as a conduit for contaminants under backflow conditions.

##### Underground Lawn Irrigation Systems

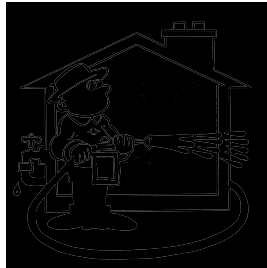
Underground irrigation systems often have puddles of standing water around the ground level sprinkler heads. The sprinkler heads are not designed to be drip-tight under backflow conditions. The puddles of water may contain microbiological contaminants, such as excrement from animals or chemical residue from fertilizer and herbicides sprayed on the lawn.

#### Help Protect Your Drinking Water From Contamination

##### How Contamination Occurs

Water normally flows in one direction, from the public water system through the customer's cold or hot water plumbing to a sink tap or other plumbing fixture. The plumbing fixture is the end of the potable water system and the start of the waste disposal system. Under certain conditions water can flow in the reverse direction. This is known as **backflow**. Backflow occurs when a backsiphonage or back-pressure condition is created in a water

line. **Backsiphonage** may occur due to a loss of pressure in the water distribution system during a high withdrawal of water for fire protection, a water main or plumbing system break, or a shutdown of a water main or plumbing system for repair.



A reduction of pressure below atmospheric pressure creates a vacuum in the piping. If a hose bibb was open and the hose was submerged in a wading pool during these conditions, the non-potable water in the pool would be siphoned into the

house's plumbing and back into the pub-

lic water system. **Backpressure** may be created when a source of pressure, such as a pump, creates a pressure greater than that supplied from the distribution system. If a pump supplied from a non-potable source, such as a landscape pond, were accidentally connected to the plumbing system, the non-potable water could be pumped into the potable water supply.

#### How to Prevent Contamination of Your Drinking Water

Protect your drinking water by taking the following precautions:

##### Don't:

- \*Submerge hoses in buckets, pools, tubs, sinks, ponds, etc.
- \*Use spray attachments without a backflow prevention device.
- \*Connect waste pipes from water softeners or other treatment systems to the sewer, submerged drain pipe, etc.
- \*Use a hose to unplug blocked toilets, sewers, etc.

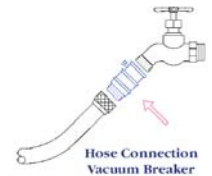
##### Do:

- \*Keep the ends of hoses clear of all possible contaminants.
- \*If not already equipped with an integral (built-in) vacuum breaker, buy and install

hose bibb type vacuum breakers on all threaded faucets around your home. These devices are inexpensive and are available at hardware stores and home improvement centers.

\*Install an approved backflow prevention assembly on all underground lawn irrigation systems. Remember, a permit is required for the connection of an underground lawn irrigation system to your plumbing system. Contact your Volusia County Health Department irrigation permits office at 386-424-2061.

#### Hose Connection Vacuum Breaker



Hose connection vacuum breakers are specifically made for portable hoses attached to hose thread faucets. Their purpose is to prevent the flow of contaminated water back into the drinking water. These devices screw directly to the faucet outlet. They can be used on a wide variety of installations, such as service sinks, hose faucets near a wading pool, laundry tub faucets, etc. Some units are designed for manual draining for freezing conditions. Some are furnished with breakaway set screws as a tamper proof feature. These devices are not intended for operation under continuous pressure.

#### Protection of Edgewater's Water Distribution System

In general, the installation of plumbing in compliance with the plumbing code will provide adequate protection for your plumbing system from contamination. However, the City of Edgewater may require (as a condition of service) the installation of a backflow prevention assembly on the water service to provide additional protection for the public water system.

## Homeowner's Guide to Proper Disposal of Unwanted Medication

### Don't Flush That Leftover Medicine!

The Volusia County Health Department reminds Volusia County citizens to properly dispose of unwanted medications. Disposing with household trash rather than flushing down the toilet or a drain helps reduce the amount of pharmaceutical traces in Florida's water bodies and drinking water.

It can cause contamination to Florida's aquatic environment because wastewater treatment systems are not designed to remove many of these medications.

To protect the environment, please use these guidelines instead of flushing medications.

1. Keep in the original container.
2. Mark out your name & prescription number for safety.
3. For pills: add some water or soda to start dissolving them; For liquids: add something inedible like cat litter or dirt.
4. Close the lid and secure with duct or packing tape.
5. Place the bottle(s) inside an opaque (non see-through) container like a detergent container.
6. Tape that container closed.
7. Hide the container in the trash. Do not put it in the recycle bin.

**DO NOT** give drugs to anyone else.

**DO NOT** flush drugs down the toilet.

**DO NOT** put drugs in the trash without disguising them—human or animal scavengers may find them and misuse them.

Information provided by Volusia County Health Department and Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

## Safe Boating Classes

The Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 48 will be offering a safe boating course on two consecutive Saturdays, October 3rd and October 10th.

The nine-hour course, which is given in conjunction with the Edgewater Leisure Services Department, runs from 8:30am—1:00pm on both days and will be held at the Edgewater City Hall, corner of Park Avenue and Riverside Drive. Cost for the course is \$35 per person,

which includes textbook, computer disk and handouts. Anyone successfully completing the course will receive a certificate from the Coast Guard Auxiliary and a card from the State of Florida. This course is required for anyone 21 years of age or younger who operates a boat, and is recommended for everyone. For information or to pre-register, contact Harry Munns at 386-428-6532 or Barbara Kowall at 386-424-2485.

**STAY FIRE SMART!  
DON'T GET BURNED  
FIRE PREVENTION WEEK  
OCTOBER 4TH-10TH**

Testing the water before putting a child in the bath may sound like common sense. Wearing short or close-fitting sleeves when cooking on the stovetop may show foresight. This and other simple actions may be all it takes to prevent devastating burns. October 4th through October 10th is Fire Prevention Week. Contact Edgewater Fire-Rescue at 424-2445 for more information.

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

## WAYS TO SUPPORT EDGEWATER ANIMAL SHELTER

The Animal Shelter is seeking donations of the following items:

- \*Dry kitten food
- \*Liquid laundry detergent
- \*Liquid dishwashing detergent
- \*Dishwasher detergent
- \*Chlorine and bleach
- \*Pine sol
- \*Animal safe degreasers
- \*Hand sanitizer
- \*Dust-free clay kitty litter

The Edgewater Animal Shelter is grateful to all the citizens who generously give of themselves and their resources in support of the Shelter's operation. Your donations can be dropped off at the Animal Shelter located at 605 Mango Tree Drive, Monday-Saturday, 10 am—4 pm.

### "OPT TO ADOPT" T-SHIRTS

Residents can show their support of the Edgewater Animal Shelter by purchasing an "Opt to Adopt" t-shirt. The shirts are available in youth and adult sizes and cost only \$7.50 and \$8.50, respectively.

The "Opt to Adopt" t-shirts can be purchased at the Edgewater Animal Shelter, 605 Mango Tree Dr., Mon-Sat, 10 am - 4 pm. All proceeds from the shirt sales will be used to benefit animals housed at the shelter.

### Plant Swap Event

The Edgewater Permaculture Society and Volusia County Gardeners' Yahoo Group will be hosting a Plant Swap Party at Whistle Stop Park in Edgewater, October 10th, 9:00am—12:00pm. This is a public event, admission is free, everyone is welcome. Bring anything garden related, you wish to swap, please make sure seeds & plants are labeled. For more information please call 386-871-7598 or email [edgewater\\_permaculture\\_society@yahoo.com](mailto:edgewater_permaculture_society@yahoo.com) or check out the Edgewater Permaculture Society website at [www.freewebs.com/edgewater\\_permaculture\\_society](http://www.freewebs.com/edgewater_permaculture_society).

### Animal Shelter Benefit Raffle (Gas BBQ Grill)

Tickets are available at the Shelter located at 605 Mango Tree Drive or the Leisure Services Office located at 1108 S. Ridgewood Ave. For more information contact Christi Moeller at 424-2485 or email: [Cmoeller@cityofedgewater.org](mailto:Cmoeller@cityofedgewater.org)

### Mark Your Calendar

#### Low-Cost Rabies Clinic

November 7th

10am-2pm

Sponsored by the  
Edgewater Animal Shelter &

Dr. Ginger Bryant

605 Mango Tree Drive

Cost \$10

386-424-2442

### RESIDENTS BEWARE

Some City of Edgewater residents have received pink door hangers stating, "Due to the water quality in this area, we will be installing whole-house water treatment systems." It asks you to fill out the back of the form, leave it on your door and they will contact you.

These people may be representing themselves as City of Edgewater employees. This is not accurate. **City of Edgewater employees are NOT delivering these door hangers and there are no water quality issues in the City of Edgewater.**

It is not known who or what company is handing out these door hangers, but they are **NOT** affiliated with the City. Should you have any questions concerning your water quality, please feel free to contact our Water Treatment Plant at 386-424-2490 or Environmental Services Department at 386-424-2476.