

The geology of the Big Bend Region contains a unique, complex system of rivers, lakes, and springs. Sinkholes convey water underground, continually recharging the Floridan aquifer that supplies drinking water to area residents.

Stormwater is rainwater plus any additional substances that are collected as it flows over the land. Water flowing over yards, driveways, and streets during rainstorms carries silt, car fluids, pesticides, nutrient-rich fertilizers, leaves and litter down into storm drains and into our waterways. As a result:

◆ **Soil erosion muddies the water by pouring excess sediment into lakes and waterways, disrupting the balance of aquatic life.**

◆ **Excess nitrogen and phosphorus from fertilizers and malfunctioning septic systems stimulate algae and plant growth beyond natural levels.**

By incorporating a few easy practices, you can reduce the volume of stormwater runoff from your yard. This will prevent the erosion of soil and the movement of other contaminants, all improving the quality of water that reaches our waterways and lakes.

TAPP: Think About Personal Pollution

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850-224-TAPP (224-8277)

Help Slow the Flow. Stop Pointless Personal Pollution!

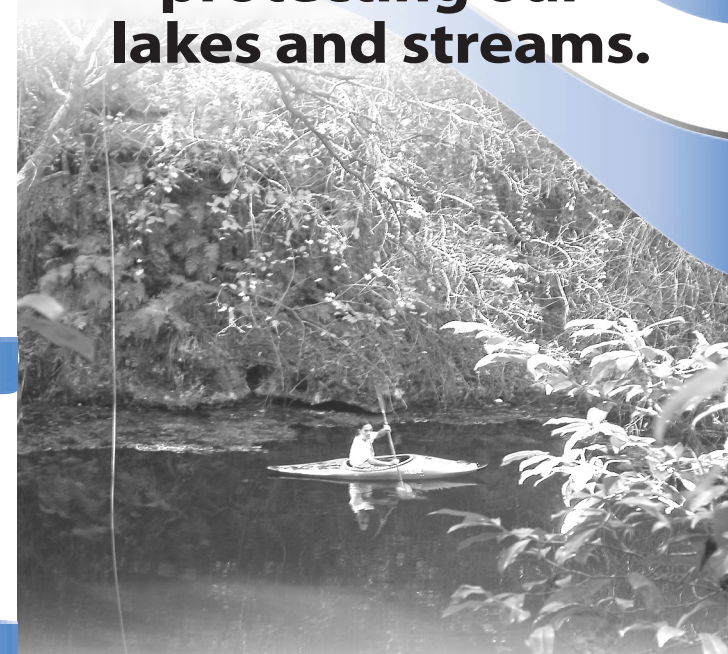


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It's essential that all of us take part in protecting our lakes and streams.



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STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

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... a few simple practices can keep water systems healthy.

- 💧 **SLOW THE FLOW** of water from your yard.
- 💧 **CLEAN UP AFTER PETS.** Pet waste contains bacteria that contaminate waterways.
- 💧 **Manage soil to MINIMIZE EROSION.**
- 💧 **MINIMIZE THE USE OF FERTILIZERS and pesticides.** They belong on your yard—not in your lake.
- 💧 **When changing your oil or filling the lawnmower, CAPTURE EVERY DROP** of oil or gasoline.
- 💧 **INCORPORATE A RAIN GARDEN** into your landscaping (for info, visit www.TAPPwater.org).
- 💧 **LEAVE BUFFERS** along the shoreline of your lake or stream.
- 💧 **MAINTAIN SEPTIC SYSTEMS.**



What is TAPP?

Think About Personal Pollution

is a campaign to improve water quality through individual efforts—one yard and one landscape at a time. The goal is to slow the flow of water from yards and reduce runoff that may be carrying silt, oil, fertilizer, pet wastes, septic system wastes, pesticides and other chemicals into local waterways. The campaign helps us understand our impacts on water quality, so that we will make small, easy changes in the things we do in our

Each of us can have a major effect on the quality of our local water. For more information, look for the “**TAPP Guide to a Water-Friendly Yard**” at your local nursery. The main goal of the **TAPP Campaign** is to **slow the flow** of runoff in order to filter and clean the water, one yard and one landscape at a time.

daily lives. By **slowing the flow** from our lawns, roofs and driveways, all of us working together can address storm-water runoff problems and protect our lakes, rivers, springs and the Floridan aquifer.

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DO YOU and your neighborhood or community group want to learn how to protect local lakes, springs and our aquifer?

Thinking about personal pollution will help!

TAPP offers educational materials and seminars that provide information on this program to local neighborhood and civic groups. Do you have an official role with your neighborhood association? Are you interested in how **TAPP** can help you protect the lakes and streams in your neighborhood?

To schedule a seminar, call 850-224-TAPP (224-8277).

THE TAPP CAMPAIGN helps educate individuals on the ways that small personal changes in our yard and home practices can make local lakes, streams and sinkholes cleaner. **Think About Personal Pollution.**

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR LOTS OF HELPFUL RESOURCE MATERIALS:

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