

MIAMI BEACH RISING ABOVE

Palm and Hibiscus Islands Improvements

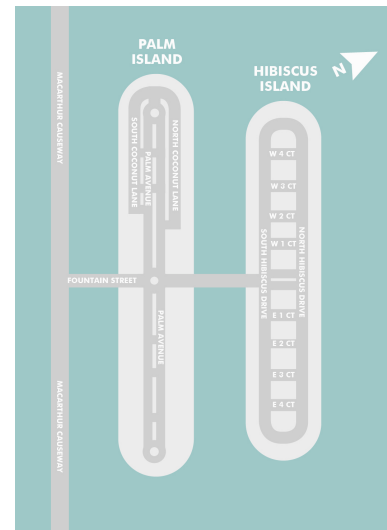
Important Information - Feb. 12, 2021

The City of Miami Beach is nearing completion of the complex infrastructure improvement project in your neighborhood. This project included extensive investments into drainage improvements for the area.

It is important for residents to understand that these drainage improvements are under the strict regulatory jurisdiction of the Miami-Dade County Department of Environmental Resource Management (DERM) and the City of Miami Beach Public Works Department. Modification to these facilities may not be made without the express permission of the relevant agencies by way of an approved permit. This includes any modifications to the surrounding area that will result in the discharge of additional water to the currently permitted facilities.

Any modification to the system or otherwise unauthorized discharge will result in corrective action. Any unpermitted discharge will be subject to immediate disconnection.

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PROJECT MAP

FIVE STEPS TO PROTECT WATER QUALITY ON YOUR PROPERTY

In Miami Beach, like in many other cities across the United States, we have an underground system of interconnected pipes that carries rainwater off of our streets to prevent flooding. This stormwater system receives waters through above-ground openings called drains. All drains in Miami Beach lead to Biscayne Bay.

Your property has drains in and around your yard and you play a very important role in protecting water quality by controlling what goes and does not go into those drains. **Discharging anything but rainwater into a drain constitutes a violation of Miami Beach Code, as well as Chapter 24 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, both punishable by fines.**



Step 1 - Do not dump anything down a storm drain. All storm drains in Miami Beach lead to Biscayne Bay, a sensitive aquatic habitat that is home to wildlife (seagrasses, fish, manatees) and popular for recreation. Anything you put into a storm drain or leave for the rain to carry into a storm drain ultimately ends up in and can harm the health of the bay.



Step 2 - Practice responsible yard care. Pesticides, fertilizers and herbicides can impact water quality and have detrimental effects on aquatic ecosystems by killing beneficial organisms, like fish, and fostering uncontrolled growth of harmful organisms, like algae. Use chemicals sparingly, only as recommended by the manufacturer and avoid applying them before a rain or near waterways and drains where they can wash in.



Step 3 - Pick up after your pet. Pet waste that is left behind or improperly disposed carries bacteria and parasites and can transmit diseases that are a risk to water quality and to human health. Always bring a bag or cup when walking your pet.



Step 4 - Use best practices when washing or maintaining your car. Wash your car over grass or other permeable surfaces that can absorb and filter dirty water of chemicals, nutrients, metals and hydrocarbons. Prevent spills by keeping up with maintenance schedules and quickly clean up any spills before they spread.



Step 5 - De-chlorinate and drain pool water into permeable areas, not into drains or into the Bay. If you do not have enough greenspace to drain your pool, your pool maintenance company should remove the water and transport it for off-site disposal.

Help us spread the word: **"Only rain down the drain!"**

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