

FLOODING & DRAINAGE



Reference Guide
for Hillsborough and Pinellas counties



Drainage complaints or issues related to:

- Stormwater management systems (i.e. retention ponds, swales, etc.) in District-permitted subdivisions constructed after October 1, 1984 (You may also contact the subdivision's homeowners association or CDD)
- Wetlands and/or activities with wetland impacts where the activity falls within a District-permitted project
- Dewatering violations or runoff from a District-permitted construction site
- Agriculture and larger water users
- Mobile home communities owned by a single entity

***Contact the Southwest Florida Water
Management District for
further information.***

Roadway flooding or drainage problems related to:

- Maintenance of swales, ditches, cross drains and culverts within the right-of-ways on county-maintained roads
- Emergency pumping to protect the health, safety and welfare of the general public
- Drainage complaints that involve runoff from county roadways, ditches or easements

Flooding not associated with roadways related to:

- County easements or right-of-ways
- Home flooding and emergencies determined by the Board of County Commissioners
- Emergency pumping to protect the health, life, safety and welfare of the general public

Contact Hillsborough or Pinellas County respectively for further information.

Drainage complaints or issues related to:

- Single-family homes, not part of a larger District-permitted subdivision
- Lakes, streams and other waters of the state
- Water quality issues, i.e. groundwater contamination, illegal dumping of chemicals, etc.

Contact the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for further information.

Drinking water, septic-related issues and water quality concerns:

Contact the Florida Department of Health for further information.

Drainage and flooding within city limits:

Contact your local municipality.

Questions about jurisdictional responsibilities related to:

- Projects constructed after 1984
- Agricultural-related projects
- District-maintained structures and canals
- Wetlands not associated with single-family residential
- Unpermitted building construction
- Project deviations
- Dewatering
- Water restrictions or violations
- Surface water and groundwater withdrawals
- Well construction

Contact the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

This document is not intended to represent all rules and regulations of Hillsborough County, Pinellas County, Florida Department of Environmental Protection or the Southwest Florida Water Management District relating to flooding and drainage issues. It is intended as a guide to the most frequently asked questions. If you have additional questions regarding rules and regulations, contact the appropriate agency.

Contact Information

Southwest Florida Water Management District

WaterMatters.org

Tampa | **Brooksville**
1-800-836-0797 | 1-800-423-1476 or
or (813) 985-7481 | (352) 796-7211

Hillsborough County

HillsboroughCounty.org

Health Department | **Public Works**
(813) 317-8000 | (813) 635-5400

Hillsborough County Environmental Protection Commission (EPC)

EPCHC.org

(813) 627-2600

Pinellas County

PinellasCounty.org

Health Department | **Public Works**
(727) 824-6900 | (727) 484-8900

Florida Department of Environmental Protection

FloridaDEP.gov

Southwest District
(Tampa Office)

FloridaDEP.gov/Southwest
(813) 470-5700

Southwest Florida
Water Management District



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