

WATERGOAT Installation Update

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WATERGOAT



What It
Sounds Like

What It
Actually Is



WATERGOAT
Installed on
Hatchett Creek
at
Ruscelletto Park
near
US 41 Bypass
& Venice Avenue
Intersection



WATERGOAT

One Week After Installation



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What is a WATERGOAT?

'STORM WATER DEBRIS BOOMS'

A **WATERGOAT** collects trash that washes in from stormdrains in surrounding neighborhood streets. Help us protect water and properties from flooding by keeping debris and trash out of the streets, streams, and ditches and by picking up trash when you see it. We all live downstream.



Watershed
www.waterwatch.org



Litter is a year-round problem. Trash left to pile up or thrown out the car window can cause unwanted storm drain blockages that may result in flooding. Prevent litter. Put trash in the can!

*Illustration graphic created by Pinellas County Communications
"Working together to protect our waterways"*



Business waste can easily be forgotten. To prevent waste from overflowing, keep the dumpster full closed, the door is plugged and have it emptied regularly. Put trash in the dumpster!



Discarded cigarette butts, the most frequently littered item, can travel along our streets, make their way into storm drains and can eventually end up at our beaches along the Gulf. This type of litter is also a hazard to birds and other wildlife. Toss butts in the ashtray!



Plastic drink bottles are convenient, but not when they're on the ground. Don't create unsightly litter — recycle plastic! Learn how and where at www.venicegov.com/government/public-works/waste-and-recycling. Toss plastic in the recycle bin!



Pet waste left on the ground can wash into nearby water bodies, spreading bacteria and diseases. Pet waste can create serious health concerns. Pick up after your pet!



Grass clippings and leaves are a problem when they leave the yard. Clippings can clog storm drains and fertilizers cause algae blooms and fish kills. Clear storm drains to prevent flooding. Keep lawn clippings on the grass... Only Rain Down the Drain!



A fun day includes quality calls for a healthy snack. Make sure everyone can enjoy the beauty around us by keeping snack bags and other trash out of the watershed. Put snack bags in the trash!



Discarded fishing line creates a serious threat to our aquatic life and coastal birds. It's the #1 cause of injury to aquatic animals like sea turtles and manatees. Don't leave used fishing line hanging around. Throw it in the tackle box!



Never dump oil on the ground or down storm drains. Oil is toxic to plants and animals and can seep into groundwater used for drinking. Cleanup of oil properly. Visit www.venicegov.com/government/engineering-stormwater/discard-oil links to find out how. Keep oil in the can!