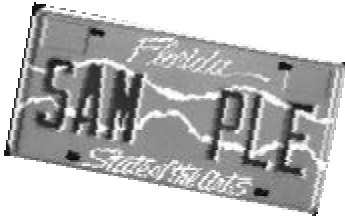


License Plates Needed



Old license plates can go on serving a purpose if you donate them to Hillsborough County's Public Art Program.

The license plates will be used for a public art education and awareness presentation that will be associated with an art project at Children's Services' Lake Magdalene Campus in northwest Hillsborough County.

Guest speakers will visit the campus and work with the art educator to teach the students about public art and the various license plates in Florida and how they benefit people in Hillsborough County.

Nationally recognized artist Michael Kalish, who creates unique works of art designed using old license plates, will create an art work on the outer wall of the recently constructed athletic center.

This summer, Kalish will visit with some of the residents on the campus and seek input from them regarding their favorite sports. From this information, the artist will finalize his design for an exterior installation comprised of four different realistic figures depicting popular sports activities.

"It is very exciting that the artist will include students in the art process. Designing site specific artwork with the kids in mind will add meaning to the project. The fact that the art re-uses license plates as the primary material is so innovative. The art will be fun and accessible in terms of its content and media. What a great addition to the campus scene," said Jan Stein, Public Art Program Coordinator for Hillsborough County's Public Art Program.

The Hillsborough County Public Art Committee invited three artists to submit proposals for this \$10,000 public art project.

If you have a license plate to donate, send it to:

Jan Stein, Public Art Program
505 E. Jackson St., Suite 300
Tampa, FL 33602

We goofed!

The water that residents in southern and eastern parts of Hillsborough County receive meets all federal standards.

Unfortunately, in the 2001 Quality Water Report which was mailed during the last week in June, a heading in a chart for the South/Central was mislabeled "Meets Standard." The column under it reads "No", suggesting that the water did not meet standards for maximum contaminant levels.

The correct heading, like the one used in the table for the Northwest wellfields, should read "MCL Violation." MCL is the Maximum Contaminant Level set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

In addition, the footnote reference for "Fecal Coliform and E. Coli in the South/Central column reported as "1 positive1" should reference footnote 2.

We apologize for the confusion and any inconvenience it may have caused.

**GOT QUESTIONS?
GET ANSWERS!**

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CAMPAIGN PROMOTES AWARENESS OF EASY WAYS TO SAVE WATER

Hillsborough County's latest water-saving campaign is hitting the road for the next 10 months in the form of messages on the outside of HARTline buses. The messages also is being repeated in radio commercials.

Emphasizing the importance of water conservation, the messages are aimed at educating everyone that all of Hillsborough County's water comes from one source - the rain.

The campaign, You Can Help The Rain, focuses on easy ways to save water, such as "Sing Shorter Tunes" (in the shower) and "Every Lawn Has Its Day" (referring to current water restrictions).

Conserving water is particularly important as the county's population grows, but our water source - the aquifer - will

remain the same for the next several years. The problem is compounded by the lack of rain needed to replenish the aquifer. Even with the downpours the area has received recently, the Southwest Florida Water Management District has said that the aquifer levels remain at the low end of normal.

Besides airing educational messages, the County's

Water Department offers residents free water-saving items including: low-flow showerheads and shutoffs; aerators for kitchen and bathroom faucets; rain gauges; leak-detector tablets; a video on how to build rain barrels; and a booklet on xeriscaping published by Florida's water management districts.

For more information, call 272-5977.



SUBMIT YOUR WATER CONSERVATION TIPS!

The Hillsborough County Water Department has a feature to their website that allows citizens to send in their water conservation tips.

Featured tips are posted on the County's website for other citizens to view.

Tips can be sent to the Water Department by using an email form on their website at: www.hillsboroughcounty.org/waterdept/conserves.html. All tips will be reviewed by the Water Conservation manager and placed on the Water Conservation webpage.

The Water Department website also features other useful information, such as a listing of the most recent water restrictions for unincorporated Hillsborough County residents, where to pay water bills, how to request that your water be turned on, water conservation tips and the annual Water Quality Report.

Visit the website at:

www.hillsboroughcounty.org/waterdept.

Colette Jaccard submitted the Following Tips:

- 1) Put a container beneath the condensation pipe of your heat pump to collect the water that drips continuously. You can collect between 10-15 gallons every day. Water flowers and plants with it.
- 2) When waiting for the water in the shower to warm up, collect the four or five gallons that would have run down the drain.
- 3) The dishwasher needs very hot water to clean dishes properly. Run the water until it gets hot before turning on the dishwasher. Collect that water.
- 4) Recycle rain water in pots, especially with the rains we have had. If the grass doesn't grow in some spots, put some top soil on it and pour recycled rain water on the spots. The grass grows very rapidly if it receives that extra water. (Editor's Note: Consider putting a piece of screen over containers to keep out mosquitoes or use the water frequently.)

5) Recycle the dogs' water bowl if they don't drink their water every day and water plants with it.

6) Recycle the leftover suds in the bucket when you wash your car and wipe off window sills of outdoor windows, clean filters, wash off tools, doors, outdoor furniture, etc. with this water. Pour on the concrete in the garage to wash off dirt that accumulates in the garage.

7) If you must empty your pool because it risks running over, keep the water in a clean trash can and clean objects around the pool such as the filter, the pump, the sides of the pool cage, outdoor furniture. Wash your car with the water. It already has chlorine and if you want to add a small amount of vinegar, it's perfect for disinfecting too.

