

City of Naples Policies and
Procedures Community Services
Department

Policy Title: Waterway and Canal Cleaning	Policy #: 04-61	
Moorings Bay Waterways and Canals	Amend:	
Effective Date: August .1. 2004	Authorization:	

PURPOSE: To establish policy for the cleanup of canals and waterways within the Moorings Bay System in the City of Naples in order to maintain a safe clean water environment for the citizens and visitors.

SCOPE: This policy and procedure applies to all Community Services Department personnel in Parks and Parkways Division.

POLICY: It will be the policy of the Parks and Parkways Division to conduct a routine cleanup of debris, trash and vegetation in the navigable waterways and canals within the City limits, including the Naples Bay and Moorings Bay Systems.

Requests for debris cleanup within and near private docks, boatlifts, or private boat slips will be coordinated by the Community Services Department staff with the property owner(s) on an as needed basis.

PROCEDURE: Trash, vegetation and other floating debris will be removed from the waterway and disposed of in an environmentally acceptable manner. Weather permitting, scheduled routine shoreline and canal debris cleanup within the Moorings Bay System will be conducted on a regular basis six times annually during the months of February, April, June, August, October and December by Community Services Department Staff or coordinated through our contracted services coordinator.

Weather permitting, additional cleanup may be scheduled during the alternating months based on visible observation reported by residents to Community Services Department Staff.

Sightings of trash within the Moorings Bay System may be reported for removal to the Director of Community Services or the Superintendent of the Parks and Parkways Division Superintendent by calling the main department number at 213.7120. Residents should provide the location of debris sighting to our staff and service crews will be dispatched within 24 hours of notification and coordinate removal of debris.

Funding for the debris removal program within the Moorings Bay System will be provided through the Moorings Bay Tax District.

The Parks and Parkways Division will respond to requests for non-routine removals of trash and floating debris within 24 hours of request during normal business hours.

If the request is beyond the capability of the Parks and Parkways Division resources as determined by the Parks and Parkways Division Superintendent or his designee then the Natural Resources Manager will be notified and arrangements will be made for a Marine contractor to remove debris if it is in the best interest of the City and public safety.

Removal of dead fish and floating vegetation will be conducted by the Parks and Parkways Division on an as needed basis to the extent manpower and marine equipment is available. Disposal of fish and seaweed will be coordinated with the Public Works Solid Waste Division.

Emergency requests will be responded to as soon as notified during normal business hours. After hours debris removal emergencies requiring services of the Community Services Department should be communicated through the on-call system communication number at 216.0062.