

The City of Rosemount has developed this flyer to inform residents of the benefits of living around the community's ponds and wetlands, to provide tips for protecting and enjoying the open water, and to inform property owners of regulations regarding these areas.

If you live near a wetland or storm pond, DO NOT:

- Mow or clear vegetation
- Fill in or re-grade areas around wetlands or ponds
- Build retaining walls or other structures near the wetland or pond
- Dispose of yard or pet waste near the wetland or pond
- Use the pond for irrigation

Things you CAN do to help improve water quality:

- Leave storm ponds and wetlands alone
- Clean up debris or waste around pond edges and storm drains
- Report any dumping, filling or grading to City officials
- Don't let fertilizer, grass clippings, sand, salt, oil, or gasoline wash into the storm drains

Wetlands: an important resource

Wetlands serve many purposes and are important resources. Wetlands are natural areas that hold and filter rainwater, protect shorelines from erosion, recharge groundwater, and provide a natural habitat for fish, birds, frogs, and other animals.

Because of their importance, any alteration to a wetland is regulated under State and/or Federal law.

When people think of wetlands, they often think of open water and ducks. However, not all wetlands have open water: some wetlands are only wet in the spring or after heavy rains. Others have grasses, wildflowers, cattails, or other vegetation growing throughout the area.

While some residents are interested in native plants and enjoy the different vegetation of the wetland near their home, others may think it looks messy or weedy. However, this vegetation provides a critical function in removing sediment from water before it reaches our rivers,

streams and lakes, which helps to improve our overall water quality.



Birger Pond at Innisfree Park

Storm ponds and wetlands also provide critical flood protection. They control downstream flooding

and erosion by collecting storm water runoff and releasing it slowly into the system.

For more information . . .

More information about the City's wetland management plan can be viewed on the Public Works page of the City's website:

www.ci.rosemount.mn.us/publicworks

Other valuable resources:

- Environmental Protection Agency (www.epa.gov)
- Dakota County Environmental Management Department (www.co.dakota.county.mn.us/environment)

Frequently Asked Questions

Who maintains the pond near my house?

In most cases, the city maintains the areas around wetlands and ponds. In some cases, a Homeowners' Association (HOA) is responsible. Call your HOA or contact the city to determine ownership of a specific pond.



My pond always has algae. How do I get rid of it?

Since stormwater ponds are designed to capture and treat the runoff carrying pollutants, they often end up with algae and other pollutant buildup. This is normal and does not require treatment.

Can I swim or fish in my pond?

It is not advisable to use stormwater ponds for fishing, swimming or ice skating because they capture pollutants, and even low level pollutant exposure should be avoided. Enjoy ponds and wetlands from a safe distance.



The City of Rosemount encourages “conservation easements” around storm ponds and wetlands. These spaces help maintain a healthy and effective storm drainage system by providing a buffer between development and natural resources. The natural vegetation provides a layer of protection for water, consuming harmful nutrients before they reach the pond and cause the formation of algae. These areas should remain undisturbed in their natural state. The City attempts to prevent the voluntary growth of undesirable trees and brush whose roots can be harmful to the stability of pond embankments.



For more information on how you can help protect the City’s storm ponds and wetlands, please call the Public Works Department at 651-322-2022, or visit the City’s website at www.ci.rosemount.mn.us/publicworks.