



POLICY

ALLIGATORS

Approved at WLCA Board Meeting, May 23, 2016

The Statewide Nuisance Alligator Program (SNAP) will be used to deal with nuisance alligators. The hotline for this program, 866-FWC-GATOR (866-392-4286) is open 7 days a week from 8:00am to 5:00pm.

Neither the Florida Wildlife Commission representatives nor trappers are law enforcement officers. Therefore, they cannot impose themselves onto private property. It is therefore imperative to determine whose property the nuisance gator is on so permission can be obtained to have access to the gator. This permission may be provided verbally to the Nuisance Alligator Program representatives.

- WLCA is not allowed to give permission to remove alligators that are on a homeowner's property or on Orange County property.
- Homeowners are not allowed to give permission to remove gators from WLCA common property or Orange County property.

According to SNAP, a gator must be four (4) feet or longer in order to be approved for removal. The state has determined that a gator smaller than four (4) feet is very unlikely to pose a threat to anyone. But, if a person has reason for concern, they may call the hotline and ask for assistance.

For a gator to be deemed a nuisance, there must be an individual who feels the gator is a threat to a person, pet or property.

There must be RECENT confirmation of the location of a nuisance gator for a trapper to find the animal.

It should be understood that removed gators will be "harvested" (killed for meat and leather) not relocated. Please refer to the Florida Nuisance Alligator website for the programs reasons alligators are not relocated. This is a state mandated action, not a decision of Waterford Lakes Community Association. (<http://myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/managed/alligator/nuisance/>)