



## Living With Our Neighbor Alligators

The MCA and its Water & Wildlife Committee (WWC), have adopted a pro-environmental approach to improving the health and look of our 85 ponds. This includes coexisting with our alligators because gators are important in maintaining ecological balance in Florida freshwater systems.



You're not my type

Alligator mating season begin in May and continues through June. Please use extra caution when around lake and pond banks. Please familiarize yourself with the five peaceful co-existence reminders listed in this document.



Female alligators deposit their eggs in late June or early July.  
**The eggs hatch around August and into September.**

During this time of year, gators are likely to be protective of their eggs, so it is important to maintain a healthy distance from lake areas and use caution.



Alligators often sun themselves to regulate their body temperatures so please be cautious when walking around lakes and ponds.

## 5 Tips for Peacefully Coexisting with Gators



- Don't feed the alligators (or any other wildlife in The Meadows).
- If you are fishing and see an alligator, relocate to a different pond.
- Keep children and pets away from waterways and banks.
- NEVER approach or attempt to capture or relocate an alligator and always keep at least a 50 ft. distance. Florida state law prohibits the general public from killing, harassing or possessing alligators.
- Never swim in a Meadows pond - it's prohibited and the alligators that live there don't appreciate it.

**Remember: If you leave them alone, they'll leave you alone.**