

Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center (CHEC)

Privacy Policy & Terms of Use

At the Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center (CHEC), we value your trust and are committed to protecting your privacy and ensuring a safe, respectful online experience. This page explains how we collect and use information, as well as the terms that govern your use of our website.

We encourage you to read through these policies carefully. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us anytime. Thank you for supporting CHEC and helping us protect the natural environment of Charlotte County!

➤ Privacy Policy

Thank you for visiting the website of the Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center ("CHEC"), a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization based in Florida. CHEC is committed to protecting your privacy and ensuring the security of your personal information. This Privacy Policy explains how we collect, use, store, and protect information gathered through our website.

Information We Collect

CHEC collects personal information you provide when donating, signing up for newsletters, registering for events, volunteering, or contacting us. This may include your name, email address, mailing address, phone number, and payment details. We also collect certain technical data automatically, such as IP addresses, browser type, and pages visited, to improve website performance and security.

How We Use Your Information

Your information is used to process donations, send receipts, communicate with you, respond to inquiries, and comply with legal obligations. Non-personal data helps us analyze and improve our website.

Sharing of Information

We do not sell, rent, or trade your personal data. Your information may be shared with trusted service providers such as PayPal, which securely processes donations. We may disclose data if required by law or to protect our legal rights.

Data Security

We use reasonable measures, including SSL encryption and limited access, to safeguard your information. Donations processed through PayPal benefit from their secure platform. CHEC does not store full credit card information.

Your Rights Under Florida Law (FIPA)

In compliance with the Florida Information Protection Act, we protect your personal information and will notify you promptly of any data breaches as required by law. We collect only necessary data and dispose of it securely when it is no longer needed.

Foreign Source Restrictions

CHEC does not knowingly accept contributions from foreign governments or political entities that could affect our mission. Donors must affirm compliance with U.S. law. Disclosure of foreign funding will be made as required by federal authorities.

External Links

Links to third-party sites are provided for convenience; CHEC is not responsible for their content or privacy practices.

Children's Privacy

We do not knowingly collect data from children under 13 without parental consent. Such data will be deleted if discovered.

Updates to This Policy

We may update this Privacy Policy periodically. Changes will be posted here with an updated effective date.

Charitable Solicitations Disclosure

A copy of the official registration and financial information for CHEC may be obtained from the Florida Division of Consumer Services by calling 1-800-HELP-FLA or visiting [FDACS Check-A-Charity](#). Registration does not imply endorsement by the state. Florida Registration #: CH13448.

➤ **Terms of Use**

Acceptance of Terms

By using CHEC's website, you agree to these Terms of Use and applicable laws. If you do not agree, please do not use this website.

Use of Website

Use this site for lawful, personal, and non-commercial purposes only. You may not interfere with site functionality or attempt unauthorized access.

Intellectual Property

Content on this website is owned by CHEC and protected by copyright. Reproduction or distribution without permission is prohibited.

Donations and Payments

Donations are processed by PayPal, Wix Payments, and Square. By donating, you agree to the terms and privacy policies of these entities. CHEC does not store full credit card information.

Third-Party Links

We are not responsible for the content or privacy of linked third-party sites. Links do not imply endorsement.

Disclaimers

The website is provided "as is" without warranties. CHEC is not responsible for accuracy or use of the content.

Limitation of Liability

CHEC is not liable for damages arising from your use or inability to use the website.

Indemnification

You agree to indemnify CHEC from claims arising from your website use or violation of these terms.

Changes to These Terms

We may update these Terms of Use at any time. Continued use indicates acceptance of changes.

Governing Law

These terms are governed by Florida law.

Contact Us

For questions about this policy or terms:

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