

What is the Problem?

With every rain event, the stormwater system connected to roadways receive gallons of polluted runoff. Pollutants include motor oil, yard clippings, leaf litter, pet wastes, fertilizers, pesticides and other toxins. Problems are compounded when these are dumped directly into the storm drain system of pipes, swales and ditches. Runoff from roadside ditches and storm sewers can pollute ponds, lakes and rivers which is harmful to our water and wildlife.

Sometimes the storm drainage system is used to illegally dispose of unwanted chemicals and material by individuals or companies.

Don't Dump Anything Down The Storm Drains or Into The Ditches!

Your neighborhood curbside inlets should be marked with signs to help discourage waste Dumping. Illicit discharges include any material to the storm sewers other than rain water. *Accidental or deliberate dumping of pollutants is against the law* and should be reported to your local municipality.



Example of an Inlet Marker

What You Can Do.

Stormwater pipes, swales and ditches are designed to convey ONLY stormwater. They should not have flowing water except after a rain event. Roadside ditches and

canals may have standing water for extended period of time. During your normal work routine if you

notice unusual water flows, small

pipes and hoses leading into these

conveyances, surface films, strong

odors,

unnaturally

colored

water, dead

vegetation,

birds and

animals or numerous dead fish,

write as much identifying informa-

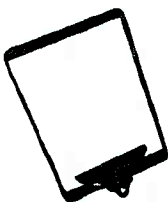
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this brochure and notify your super-

visor to contact Polk County Natural

Resources (Stormwater Quality

Section).



Write down as much information as you can about illicit discharges.

Polk County BOCG

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