

**Only Rain
Down the
Drain**

STORMWATER

If it's on the ground, it's in our water

Water that enters storm drains is not cleaned at wastewater treatment plants before it flows directly into streams, rivers, and marshes. Many residents don't realize how their everyday habits impact our regions water quality. Even small amounts of pollution can add up to big problems.

Let's all do our part! It is easy to help our waterways stay clean and healthy for everyone.

Prevention:

Residents can help prevent localized flooding by keeping the ditches, culverts, and storm drains of our stormwater system clear of yard waste, leaves, trash, and other debris. Simple actions make a big difference in how well this system functions. You should always properly collect and dispose of yard waste, including leaves. Raking or blowing debris into the street can contribute to flooding. Litter in the street can cause problems with drainage as well. Any type of debris can become entangled in culverts and shallow streambeds and reduce drainage causing the water to back up. Be sure to keep drainage ditches on your property free of debris, foliage and vegetation that would impede the flow of water. Remember: **Only Rain Down the Drain!**

Report:

It is illegal to dump trash, grass clippings, leaves or other materials including chemicals, oil, gasoline or household products into ditches or other drainage systems. If you see illegal dumping, report it to the local public works department 912-629-2296.

Participate:

Check the City of Garden City website www.gardencity-ga.gov regularly for events, such as, Day of Service, Paint Recycling, Tire Recycling and Adopt-A-Drain. You can participate. There are tips and advice to help residents keep our storm drains clear and clean. You can help prevent street flooding and protect water quality in Garden City.

Prevent Flooding in Your Neighborhood