

## What Can You Do?

- Keep stormwater pipes and structures around your property clear of dirt, yard debris, and trash.
- Keep drainage easements maintained, mowed, and accessible by County personnel for inspections.
- Never connect to the County's storm drain pipes, ditches, or structures without first obtaining written approval from Jackson County Public Development.
- Never access a County storm drain or pipe for any reason. If access is necessary, contact Jackson County Public Development or if an emergency, call 911. Under no circumstances should a resident access County-owned infrastructure.
- Never blow, dump or drain anything into a storm drain, ditch or stream, including grass clippings and other yard waste.
- Notify Jackson County Public Development of any safety hazards within the County right-of-way, such as wide cracks, sinkholes, obstructed ditches, and clogged culverts.
- Call Jackson County Public Development for any illegal dumping, illicit discharges, or stormwater pollution.

## How Can I Prevent Stormwater Pollution?

- Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks, and gutters.
- Never dump anything down storm drains or in streams.
- Vegetate bare spots in your yard.
- Compost your yard waste.
- Use least toxic pesticides, follow labels, and learn how to prevent pest problems.
- Direct roof downspouts away from paved surfaces; consider a rain garden to capture runoff.
- Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway.
- Check your car for leaks and recycle your motor oil.
- Pick up after your pet.
- Have your septic tank pumped and system inspected regularly.

### EVERYONE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

For more information:  
[www.jacksoncountygov.com/355/Storm-Water-Management](http://www.jacksoncountygov.com/355/Storm-Water-Management)



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## Stormwater

What is it and what are my responsibilities?



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## What is Stormwater?

Stormwater (or polluted runoff) is rain or melting snow that flows over the ground. In urban or developed areas, stormwater runs over pavement and parking lots, picking up oil and other pollutants before flowing into a nearby river or stream. In more natural areas including forests and wetlands, stormwater can soak into the ground, or be stored and filtered.



## What is a Storm Drain System?

Stormwater runoff eventually flows into storm drain systems and releases into nearby lakes, rivers, creeks, streams or wetlands. Anything that enters a storm drain system is released untreated into bodies of water used for swimming, fishing and drinking.

## What is a Storm Drain Structure?

Structures that collect, carry and/or release stormwater are considered storm drain structures. Some examples of typical storm drain structures are shown below.



Catch Basin

Yard Inlet



Pipe End  
or  
Outfall

Headwall



Detention  
Pond

## Who is Responsible for Maintaining a Storm Drain Structure?



- Jackson County maintains, repairs, and replaces stormwater drain systems that are located within Jackson County-owned property and County rights-of-way. Stormwater drain systems that are located within cities/towns are the responsibility of the city/town.
- Georgia DOT maintains, repairs, and replaces stormwater drain systems that are located within the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) rights-of-way.
- Property Owners are responsible for the maintenance, repair, and replacement of stormwater drain systems or structures located on their property.