



**Seminole County  
Department of Public Works  
Roads-Stormwater Division  
wants you to**

**BE PART OF THE SOLUTION TO  
STORMWATER POLLUTION!**

**Why is it important to let only rain go  
down the Stormwater inlets?**

- These inlets help protect your neighborhood from flooding.
- Retention ponds provide water storage and water treatment to treat pollution.
- Grass clippings, trash and debris will clog the inlets and cause localized flooding for you or your neighbor.
- Stormwater pollutants consists of oils, gasoline greases, antifreeze from cars, metals, nutrients from fertilizers, pesticides, yard waste, paints & other wastes.

**Remember the 3 R's  
Reduce – Reuse – Recycle**

Did you know how long it takes  
each of these to breakdown?

- Paper - takes 2-4 years
- Wax Paper – much longer
- Tin cans - 100 years
- Aluminum cans & tops - 200-500 years
- Plastic six pack holders and other plastic items - 150 years
- Glass bottles -more than 500 years



**Hi Neighbor,**

Today we placed markers on your stormwater inlets to remind citizens that rainfall runoff can wash soil, yard waste, fertilizers, motor oil, and other pollutants into our waterways.

Since the implementation of the Clean Water Act, stormwater runoff has been identified as the largest source of pollution going into our waters. Everyone contributes to this pollution. All it takes is education and some simple but important guidelines to help reduce this pollution in our waterways.

With the help of volunteers, we are promoting an awareness to citizens in Seminole County by marking over 5,000 stormwater inlets with, **“NO DUMPING, DRAINS TO LAKE OR RIVER.”**

If you would like more information about water pollution in your area, please visit the Seminole County Watershed Atlas located on the web at:

[www.seminole.wateratlas.org](http://www.seminole.wateratlas.org)

This will give you in-depth information about all the lakes, rivers and streams in Seminole County. Also, if you see someone dumping into our County stormwater inlets, please give us a call at (407) 665-2424.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,  
**Marie Lackey**

Roads-Stormwater Division  
Outreach Coordinator