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Possible problems that may be reported are as follows:

- Damaged Pipes
- Illegal dumping into storm drain
- Water leaks
- Flooding
- Easement Maintenance
- Drainage Problems

**Report any  
problems to:  
CALL CENTER  
770.467.4775**

# Only Rain Down the Drain

Who will you call (when you see water problems)?

Spalding County maintains approximately 28 miles of storm drainage pipes. Combine this with 58,000 residents, and there are bound to be issues. The Department of Public Works needs every County resident to be watchful for water trouble in their area and report the problems they see to Code Enforcement or Public Works. When you call please be able to provide as much information as possible. Try to answer the questions; Who, What, When, Where, Why and How as they apply to each situation.



**Illegal dumping or clogging of drainage structures is a violation of Spalding County Regulations Article 1X. Public Health Section 11-2003**



# **FACTS ABOUT STORM DRAIN POLLUTION**



**Fact:** Used oil is the single largest source (over 40%) of oil pollution in U.S. water ways. At 385 million gallons per year, Americans carelessly dispose of 35 times more oil than was spilled in the entire Valdez oil spill. At least half of the amount is disposed of by do-it-yourselfers who change their own oil and dispose of it improperly. Please take your used oil to any local auto parts store for proper disposal.

**Fact:** One gallon of used oil can create an eight-acre slick on surface water, threatening fish, waterfowl and other aquatic life. Used oil contains toxic chemicals and heavy metals which cause severe pollution and can kill the micro-organism at the base of the marine food chain.

**Fact:** Ethylene glycol, the major component of antifreeze is poisonous in concentrated form to people, fish, birds and pets. In addition to ethylene glycol, used antifreeze contains heavy metal contaminants that it picks up from the engine during use.

**Fact:** Soap suds from washing your car, rinse water from painting, pet waste, pesticides, plastics and yard waste can all cause environmental problems when disposed of in a storm drains.