

## Sinkholes in Pinellas County

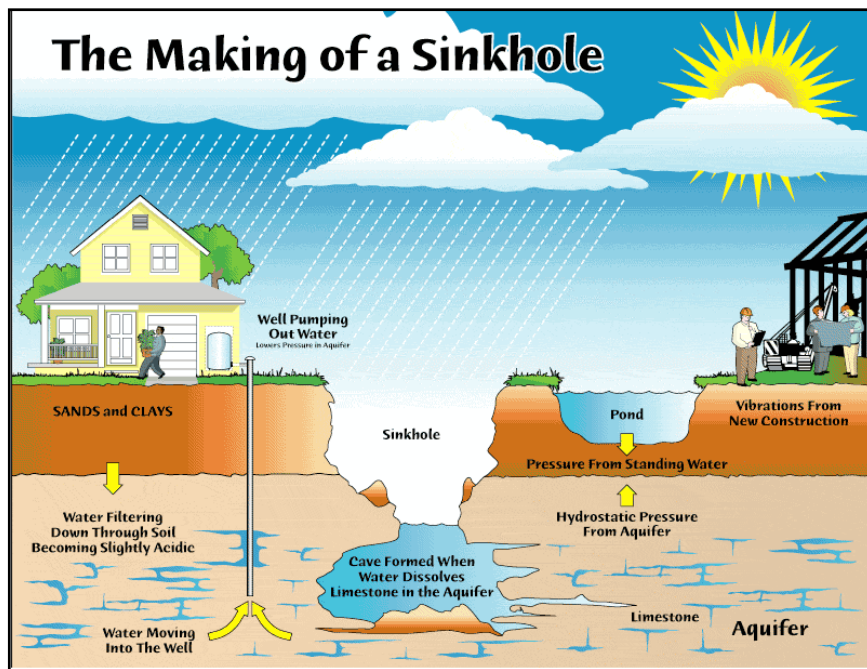


This is a very large sinkhole.  
A truck and a car are in the sinkhole.  
Sinkholes can appear very quickly.  
Sinkholes can be dangerous.

***If you see a new sinkhole, call Public Works Department: (727) 464-3251.  
If that office is closed, call the Sheriff: (727) 582-6200.  
If the sinkhole can cause serious injury or death, call 911.***

Sinkholes appear when water wears away too much limestone. (Limestone is a very soft rock.) When the limestone collapses, the soil collapses. This poster shows some ways in which water washes away limestone.

This poster (below) and more sinkhole information is on the internet at <http://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/emergency/sinkhole/sinkpage.htm>.



You can download a brochure about sinkholes in Pinellas County at this Internet address: [www.co.pinellas.fl.us/bcc/PublicWorks/pdf/Coastal/sinkholes.pdf](http://www.co.pinellas.fl.us/bcc/PublicWorks/pdf/Coastal/sinkholes.pdf).

***Remember: Call 911 if the sinkhole can hurt or kill someone.***