

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Protect Our Streets. Protect Our Waterways.

Heavy Rain Means We All Need to Do Our Part

Our community is experiencing heavier and more frequent rainstorms. During these storms, large amounts of water can quickly enter our storm sewer system.

Keeping storm drains clear and keeping pollutants out of the storm sewer system can help reduce flooding and protect our local waterways.

ONLY RAIN DOWN THE STORM DRAIN

Storm drains are designed to carry **rainwater** away from streets and properties.

When trash, chemicals, oil, yard waste, or other materials are dumped into a storm drain, they can be carried through the storm sewer system and eventually enter our **creeks, rivers, ponds, and lakes.**

What goes into the storm drain can end up in our waterways.

Please NEVER dump or pour:

- Motor oil or automotive fluids
 - Paint or cleaning products
 - Chemicals, pesticides, or fertilizers
 - Trash or other litter
 - Grass clippings, leaves, or yard waste
 - Pet waste
 - Dirt, sediment, or construction debris
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KEEP STORM DRAINS CLEAR

Before and after major rainstorms, please help keep leaves, branches, litter, and other debris away from storm drains.

A blocked storm drain can prevent water from flowing properly and may contribute to **street flooding, standing water, property damage, and unsafe conditions.**

If you see a storm drain that is clogged, damaged, or otherwise needs attention, **please report it to your local Public Works Department.**

RESIDENTS CAN HELP

A few simple steps make a difference:

- ✓ Keep leaves and litter away from storm drains.
 - ✓ Pick up pet waste.
 - ✓ Keep grass clippings and yard waste out of streets.
 - ✓ Dispose of household chemicals properly.
 - ✓ Never pour anything other than rainwater into a storm drain.
 - ✓ Secure trash and recycling containers.
 - ✓ Sweep driveways and sidewalks rather than washing debris into the street.
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BUSINESSES CAN HELP TOO

Businesses should pay special attention to **dumpsters, parking lots, loading areas, chemical storage, and maintenance areas.**

- ✓ Keep dumpsters closed and surrounding areas clean.
 - ✓ Clean up spills promptly and properly.
 - ✓ Store oils, chemicals, and other materials securely.
 - ✓ Keep trash and debris away from storm drains.
 - ✓ Train employees on proper spill prevention and cleanup.
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SMALL ACTIONS. BIG IMPACT.

**Clean storm drains help move rainwater safely.
Clean stormwater helps protect our waterways.
And everyone has a role to play.**

REMEMBER:

ONLY RAIN DOWN THE STORM DRAIN.

Together, we can help reduce flooding, protect our infrastructure, and keep our local waterways clean for generations to come.

For storm drain concerns, flooding issues, or questions about proper disposal of materials, please contact Bill Graffeo at 708-371-4800 Ext 2001.