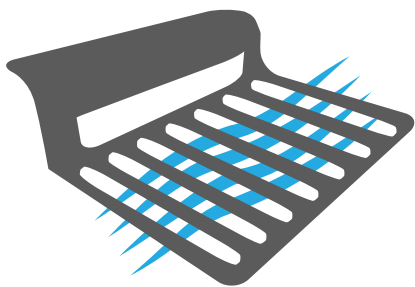


ADOPT *a* STORM DRAIN



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Adopt A Storm Drain

Storm drains get clogged with plastic bottles, styrofoam cups, cigarette butts, leaves and more. Storm drains lead directly to creeks, streams, rivers and lakes, so trash in our community pollutes local waterways. Adopting a storm drain in your neighborhood to help keep our waterways clean.

What does it take to adopt a storm drain?

Volunteer fifteen minutes, twice a month, for cleaner waterways and healthier communities. Storm drains flow directly to streams, wetlands, the Jordan River and Great Salt Lake and Utah Lake, acting as a conduit for trash and organic pollutants. Adopt a Drain asks residents to adopt a storm drain in their neighborhood and keep it clear of leaves, trash, and other debris to reduce water pollution. Sign up and participate by following the steps below.



Locate a storm drain in your neighborhood.

Note the location/
approximate address

Sign up at
<http://ow.ly/ymGJ50E0Fs1>
or scan



Keep your storm drain clear.

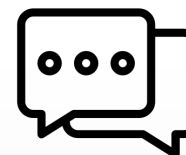
Sweep leaves, trash and
other debris off the drain
surface year-round.



Track your impact.

Keep an estimated total
of the debris you collect
and email us the
information so we can
gauge the cumulative
results of our work.

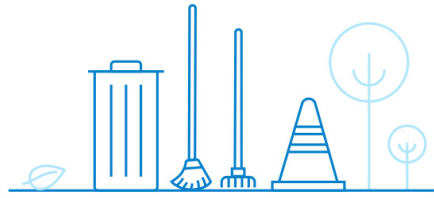
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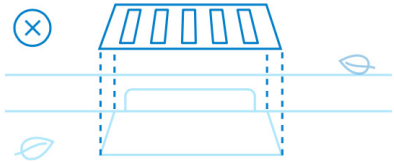
Let friends and neighbors
know about your
commitment and, if they
ask, tell them about small
things they can do at
home to prevent water
pollution.

How to clear a storm drain



1. Helpful tools for cleaning

You might want these tools for cleaning your drain: a broom, a rake, a trash grabber, gloves, an orange cone and/or safety vest, a snow shovel or dustpan, and a pail or yard waste bag.



2. Never remove the grate.

Clean only the surface of the storm drain grate and the area around it. Never remove the grate or otherwise attempt to clean inside the catch basin. If the drain seems to be plugged, contact city staff and they will send workers to address the issue.



3. Safety First

There could be something sharp or otherwise harmful near the drain, so wear gloves to protect your hands and be careful when picking up leaves and trash. You might want to use a trash grabber to collect debris. Wear bright or reflective clothing when you are clearing the storm drain to make sure you are visible to cars. Do not stand or crouch on busy streets.



4. Busy Streets

It's best to adopt drains on local residential streets. If you do adopt a drain on a street with lots of traffic, stick to clearing trash and debris from the sidewalk and let city staff take care of the street and the surface of the storm drain.



5. Not Just the Storm Drain

While the program asks you to adopt a drain, clearing debris from streets and sidewalks is helpful since anything on pavement can wash into storm drains when it rains.



6. Separate and Dispose of Waste

To dispose of waste, separate it into three categories and place it in the appropriate receptacle: trash, recyclables (glass and plastic bottles, cans), and compost (leaves, grass clippings, sticks, and sediment).

Prevent stormwater runoff pollution

Rain and snowmelt washes anything that's on streets and paved surfaces down storm drains and into lakes and rivers. Help keep our stormwater clean!

Four tips for everyday stormwater pollution prevention



Dog poop carries harmful bacteria. Pick up after your pet.



Leaves, grass and dirt feed algae and turn lakes and rivers green. Keep them off streets and sidewalks.

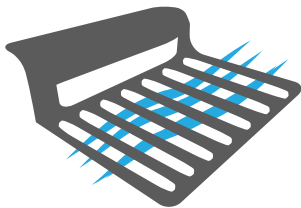


Trash clogs drains and pipes, causing flooding. Put it in a garbage bin.



Salt is almost impossible to remove from waterways. Just one teaspoon pollutes five gallons of water forever. Use it sparingly. Sweep up and reuse extra. Use sand when temperatures fall below 15 degrees.

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