

Instructions and Tips

How to Care for Your Drain

Tools Needed:

- A broom or rake
- A shovel or dust pan
- A container, bucket, or bag

Steps: (3 easy steps!)

- With gloved hands or a tool, clear all matter collected in grates.
- Clean debris for 10 ft on each side of drain (possibly further down if obvious piles would be carried to drain during storm event).
- Collect in container and dispose of in appropriate receptacles

** Come back every two weeks to clean your drain or right before a storm event.

Bonus Points:

- Clear off sidewalks and other pavement that could transmit material during a storm event
- Clean your drain before a storm! - *this is the best time for the best effect*
- Invite your friends and family! - *the more people learning about the importance of cleaning storm drains the greater the effect*

Volunteer Guidelines

Thank you for your dedication to keeping waterways clean in our county and watersheds across the region! Your well-being and enjoyment are important to us as is your ability to be an environmental steward safely. We expect all volunteers to conduct themselves in a safe, courteous, and legal manner by following the guidelines below:

General Guidance:

- Never attempt to collect debris below grate or attempt to remove the grate.
- Collect and dispose of debris in the trash or in either the recycling or compost if possible.
- Do not sweep material into storm drain (*this defeats the intent of the program*).
- Never leave piles of uncollected debris.
- Do not handle hazardous material or medical waste (eg. hypodermic needles).
- Use a broom, shovel, or rake whenever possible -- avoid using your hands.

Safety:

- Wear appropriate clothing (gloves, pants, long sleeves) and sturdy footwear alongside UV and eye protection (when necessary).
- Wear bright reflective vests or similar clothing so vehicles can see you.
- When possible, stay out of the street and work from curbside.
- Always look both ways when crossing the street and do so at crosswalks if available.
- Watch for traffic.