
Storm Drains

Why should I clean storm drains?

Clean storm drains or catch basins help prevent localized flooding. City and county crews work to keep storm drains clear, but with thousands of drains in Kitsap County, we could use your help! With your assistance, we can keep streets safe and clear and can reduce property damage caused by flooding.



Clogged storm drains can lead to destructive flooding of streets and homes!

What is a storm drain?

Storm drains are rectangular grates with slats and are normally near the edge of the street. These grates collect water which then flows to the nearest stream or lake.

What should I do?

- Check storm drain grates frequently to make sure they are free of leaves and debris.
- Do not remove the grate from the storm drain opening - this does not unclog the system and creates a hazard for everyone.
- Rake leaves away from storm drains near your house or business. (Do not rake or blow leaves from your property into the street. Street sweepers can not pick up large piles of leaves.)
- Dispose of leaves in your yard waste container or compost bin.

Need more information for your location?

Contact your local public works office for more information pertaining to storm drain maintenance.

Port Orchard.....	www.cityofportorchard.us
Bremerton	www.ci.bremerton.wa.us
Poulsbo	www.cityofpoulsbo.com
Bainbridge Island	www.ci.bainbridge-isl.wa.us
Kitsap County	www.kitsapgov.com/sswm/beforeitrains.htm



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