



Adopt-A-Drain Program



Thank you for your interest in the Surface Water Utility Adopt-A-Drain Program. This program is a partnership between the City and its residents to care for our 7,000+ storm drains by keeping the opening to the drains free from leaves and other debris. Your assistance is greatly appreciated in preventing localized flooding and improving water quality within our watersheds.

Task

Monitor and remove accumulated debris from selected storm drain(s) as needed during the storm season, **October through March**.

Tools available by request:

- Safety vest
- Rubber gloves
- Trash pick-up tool
- Bucket

Safety Precautions

- Participants are advised that working adjacent to a city street can be hazardous. Wear a reflective vest and protective gloves, provided by the City. Always check for traffic before entering the roadway.
- Never remove the drain grate or attempt to remove clogs from beneath the grate. This creates a hazard and may not unclog the system.
- Do not pick up items that have the potential to be hazardous or cause injury, such as heavy objects or items like syringes, broken glass, animal carcasses, etc. These kinds of materials should be flagged and the City notified as soon as possible to arrange for proper disposal.
- Never attempt to clear debris from a storm drain or culvert if there is moving water greater than six inches.

Storm Drain Monitoring

- Look for accumulated leaves and debris. During the winter season, shovel aside snow which can also prevent water from entering drains.
 - Look for cracks or damage to the grate or storm drain frame.
 - **Call (206) 801-2700 to report any damage.**
 - Look for evidence of fluids entering the storm drain other than rainwater (i.e. paint, motor oil, soapy water). **Call City Hall at (206) 801-2700 to report illegal dumping.**
- Separate out any debris that is not yard debris, such as soda cans, cardboard, etc., and put it in your garbage or recycling.
- Empty leaves into your green yard debris cart or compost bin (Note: It is not recommended to use compost derived from street leaves in edible gardens).

Documentation

- Contact Surface Water Utility at (206) 801-2450 or creed@shorelinewa.gov to report your clean-up. Hours are reported at the end of each quarter:
 - 4th quarter: October, November, December
 - 1st quarter: January, February, March
- Provide **name, date of work, start and end time, and total volunteer time.**