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# Storm Drains

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## WHY SHOULD I HELP CLEAN THE STORM DRAINS ON MY STREET?

Clean storm drains or catch basins help prevent localized flooding in the area. City & county crews work to keep all the storm drains clear, but with thousands of drains in Columbia County, a little help could go a long way and could help reduce property damage caused by flooding.

## WHAT IS A STORM DRAIN?

Storm drains are grates with slats that are normally near the edge of a street. These grates collect water from the street 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 & debris
- Do not remove the grate from the drain opening – this does not unclog the system & creates a hazard for everyone.
- Rake leaves & yard debris away from storm drains near your house or business.

Do not rake or blow leaves from your property into the street. The street sweepers cannot pick up large piles of leaves.

- Dispose of leaves in your compost bin, order a Waste Management yard-waste container, or dispose them at the following locations;

1. Columbia County Transfer Station 503-366-2613 (charges \$20 for up to 840 lbs.)
2. Scappoose Sand & Gravel 503-543-8821 (charges \$10 if under 2 yards...approx. a truckload)

## NEED MORE INFO:

City's Public Works office: 503-543-8404 [www.ci.scappoose.or.us](http://www.ci.scappoose.or.us)

Waste Management: 1-800-808-5901 <http://wmnorthwest.com/columbiacounty>

