

Adopt a Storm Drain

You can help the City of Anacortes keep our storm drains clear of leaves and protect your property from flooding.

Why should I clean storm drains?

Clean storm drains help prevent localized flooding. City crews work to keep storm drains clear, but with 4,142 storm drains, ponds, and outfalls in Anacortes, we could use your help! With your assistance, we can keep streets safe and clear and reduce property damage caused by flooding. Keeping storm drains clear of debris also helps to keep our local waterways free of trash, debris and other pollutants.



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 storm structure or outfall.

What should I do with all of the leaves?

- **Check** storm drain grates frequently to make sure they are free of leaves and debris.
- **Rake** leaves away from storm drains near your house or business. **Do not** rake or blow leaves from your property into the street. It is a violation of City of Anacortes Municipal Code.
- **Dispose** of leaves in your yard waste container or compost bin.
- **Do not** remove the grate from the storm drain opening- this does not unclog the system and creates a hazard for everyone.

Safety Tips

- **Never** attempt to clear debris from an intake or culvert if there is moving water greater than knee deep.
- **Never** remove debris from catch basins with bare hands. Use a rake or shovel. This safety precaution will protect you from unseen dangers such as hypodermic needles.

How can I adopt a storm drain?

Just simply contact the City of Anacortes at 293-1921.