



STORM DRAIN CLEANUP

Instructions

Grab a trash bag, some work gloves, and head downhill to the storm drain closest to your home. Spend a few minutes cleaning the litter, leaves, etc. from the drain so stormwater can flow into it freely. Dispose of the trash bag properly.

Safety Tips

- Wear work gloves or gardening gloves to protect your hands.
- Do not reach your hand anywhere you cannot see.
- Do not reach into the storm drain.
- Make sure you are considering traffic. If possible, have someone assigned to watch out for vehicles and wear a safety vest or brightly colored shirt. If your street is too busy, consider cleaning a storm drain on a nearby street.



Purpose

- Stormwater runoff from the Omaha metro enters the Papillion Creek watershed, which leads to the Missouri River, which leads to the Mississippi River, which ultimately connects to the Gulf of Mexico. That means the water pollution we produce right here in Omaha affects our neighbors all the way downstream.
- Often, our storm drains collect litter and debris from the street. In addition, people may sometimes incorrectly dump chemicals, dispose of pet waste, or blow their lawn clippings into them. When these pollutants enter storm drains, they go straight into our waterways, untreated and unfiltered, harming wildlife habitat and ultimately contaminating our streams and rivers. Just like our waterways, we're all connected, and we're all responsible for doing our part to prevent stormwater pollution!
- Want to learn more? Check out omahastormwater.org

Want to do more?

Visit keepomahabeautiful.org/clean-waters-challenge.html for more information and to sign up to participate in the Clean Waters Challenge!

