

# Help prevent flooding

Keep our storm drains clean!

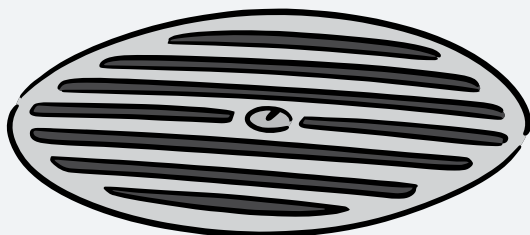
One of the ways we can control our risk of flooding is by keeping our storm drains clean.

Storm drains are more than just the grates you see in the street. Our streets have a gutter system that is connected to the storm drainage system. It's not uncommon for people to blow or rake leaves, mud, dirt, twigs and other debris into the streets. These items get into the gutter system, clog our drains and ultimately lead to severe flooding. Help us keep *only rain in the drain!* Be cautious of where you put your yard clippings, and contact us if you see any issues with our drainage system.

## What are storm drains?



Storm drains collect rainwater & drain it from the streets.



In addition to yard clippings and leaves, trash is also bad for our storm drains. Things like cigarette butts and gasoline is harmful to our aquatic life and to us. Protect our ecosystems and put *only rain in the drain!*



**The Cigarette Butt Cycle**  
by A Greener Future  
they don't just go away

When you toss your butts they contaminate our local water system

**"4.5 Trillion butts are littered each year"**

They end up in our lakes and rivers where fish can mistake them for food

Over time these toxins affect human health

If the fish survive the toxins can build up in the fish's body

**"1 butt per litre of water can KILL the fish in a stream"**

**Think twice before tossing your butt on the ground**