

STORMWATER

TIP OF THE WEEK WEEK 45 - NOVEMBER 9, 2022

STORM DRAINS ARE IMPORTANT!

A storm sewer system is an infrastructure designed to drain rain and snow melt runoff from impervious surfaces such as paved streets, driveways, parking lots, footpaths, sidewalks, and roofs. Storm drains can vary in design from small residential dry wells to large municipal systems but for them to work effectively they need to remain clear of debris like trash, grass clippings, leaves, and brush.

STORM DRAINS SHOULD NOT LOOK LIKE THIS



Here are some ways to help prevent the clogging of storm drains:

- Always clean up and dispose of your grass clippings, leaves, trash, and brush properly so they do not end up in the road or on a storm drain -they can very easily clog storm drains.
- Pile up your leaves in the fall for the city to collect, bag them up for trash day, or use them in your garden.
- Don't leave your trash out for extended period of times, that allows for the bags to become ripped open and trash to be scattered about.
- Let your city know if you see a drain that is clogged, broken, or overflowing.

STORMWATER HOTLINE: See a stormwater issue? Let us know! You can call City Hall at **(304) 755-0705** or email the hotline at MS4hotline@cityofnitro.org; if you live on a state road and have an issue with a state road call their hotline at 1-833-WV-ROADS (1-833-987-6237)



AN EXAMPLE OF A CLEAN DRAIN