

# STORMWATER

Tip of the Week

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**VERY IMPORTANT**

A separate 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. The two photos below are how drains should NOT look.



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

- 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 clogg 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.

## REMEMBER!

Storm drains lead straight to our water ways without any treatment! It is also very important that only stormwater runoff enter our water ways. Never dump or dispose of any trash, debris, or chemicals in a storm drain! For the City of St. Albans, our stormwater drains lead to both the Kanawha and Coal rivers.

This is a great example of how a storm drain should look:

