

STORMWATER

Tip of the Week

Week 9: March 2, 2021

HELP OUR STORM DRAINS

Stormwater drains is an infrastructure designed to drain excess rain and ground water 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.

WHEN STORM DRAINS BECOME CLOGGED, THEY CAUSE FLOODING.

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.

Never leave grass clippings in the road when you cut your lawn as they can easily clogg storm drains.

Pile up your leaves in the fall for the city to collect or bag them up for trash day.

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.

If you see a drain in your area with a covered grate, sweep it off but please remember to never attempt to lift a drain grate off!

Let us know if you see a drain that is covered, clogged, broken, or overflowing. This will only help us!

You can reach Nitro's special services at 304.755.070 to report or ask questions about signage, road repair, drain repair, and snow removal.

BUT ALSO 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. It is always a great practice to add some stormwater management to your property to help the flow of stormwater runoff.



Don't let your area's drains look like this!



Blocked drains cause flooding.



Clean and marked storm drain