



CATCH THE BASIN



How *you* can help prevent street flooding in New Orleans!

The City of New Orleans is launching “**Catch the Basin,**” a citizen-led initiative to reduce the risk of residential street flooding. Catch basins, also known as storm drains, are the street-level openings to our City’s drainage system. Catch basins become clogged with leaves, trash, and grass clippings, and when water can’t drain into the catch basins, street flooding occurs.



Clogged catch basins cause street flooding



Cleaning your catch basin is an easy way to reduce street flooding

HERE’S HOW YOU CAN HELP:

1. Clean litter and debris from the catch basins near your house. Also, clean the surrounding curb area, because any litter, leaves, or grass on the street or sidewalk can end up in the catch basin. **Do not** lift the drain cover or attempt to disassemble the catch basin; just clean what you can see. All you need is a pair of work gloves, a shovel or a small rake, and a trash bag. **Remember:** If your neighbor is elderly or disabled, please help clean their catch basin too.
2. Dispose of trash and lawn clippings in trash cans. Do not sweep or blow yard waste into the gutters and catch basins. **Remember:** Trash in our streets ends up as trash in our lake!
3. Construction sites or sites with hazardous materials must take special precautions to properly dispose of their paint and chemicals. They should not sweep, blow or hose waste into the catch basins. Report any improper actions to the City of New Orleans by calling 311.



No dumping! Toxic waste drains to the Lake!



Clean the curb area around catch basin

If you have questions, or if your catch basin requires mechanical cleaning or maintenance, call 311 to report the problem.