

# TIP #8: KEEP STORM DRAINS FREE FLOWING!



## YOU CAN HELP PREVENT FLOODS

Keep storm drains free of trash and debris to ensure they're ready for water flows.

Keeping storm drains clear is also an easy way to prevent trash from draining to the bay.

## STORM READINESS IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY!

Unfortunately, it is very easy for trash or leaves to pile up next to a storm drain if no one is paying attention. Remember that if water can't go down the drain, it will flow somewhere else - whether it's the street or your home.

While a storm drain may not be on your property, you can still do some basic maintenance by removing any debris blocking it. You can "adopt" your local storm drain by monitoring it for debris and cleaning it to prevent clogging.

**\* Storm drains are an important line of defense for your home during a flood.**

Sometimes storm drains can become blocked with leaves or debris. When storm drains are not maintained, they cannot drain water quickly - which could lead to back-ups. When the drains get clogged, storm water spills into our streets and can cause flooding.



**DO YOUR PART TO KEEP STORM DRAINS FREE OF DEBRIS! IT ONLY TAKES A MINUTE TO INSPECT THE DRAIN AND CLEAN IT OUT, IF NEEDED.**



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## How You Can Help

- First, locate any storm drains around your home.
- Then, take a look! It only takes a minute to inspect the drain and clean it out, if needed. Observe how the water would flow into the drain.
- Grab a rake, some gloves, and a trash bag. Rake away any leaves or trash from the preferred path for the water. See, you're already done!