Participating in the Adopt-A-Drain Program

Welcome to the Adopt-A-Drain Program! Thanks for volunteering to help keep some of City of Bothell’s 8,000+ storm drains clear.

How to participate
To participate, choose at least four storm drains covers you would like to adopt, and check on them regularly. Make sure they’re free of leaves and other debris during the fall and winter months.

Ensuring your safety

Location
Only work on residential streets. Stay clear of main arterials.

Traffic
Be sure that passing traffic is aware of your presence. Always keep your back away from the street and know your surroundings. If possible, have someone else outside with you watching the traffic for your safety.

Clothing
Try to wear light colored clothing and a safety vest.

Time of day
Only work during daylight hours. Dawn and dusk are dangerous times to be in the street because it’s harder for vehicles to see you.

Gloves
Always wear gloves when clearing debris from the street and storm drains. Gloves help protect you from sharp twigs, glass, metal, and other harmful debris you might find under the leaves.

Liability form
The City requires all volunteers to sign a liability form and log their volunteer hours. You must fill out and return the liability waiver and be sure to track all of your volunteer hours in hard copy or online. These forms are available to print or submit online at www.bothellwa.gov/adoptadrain.

Emergency contacts
Please call us right away if you have concerns, need to report a problem, or encounter flooding.

Emergencies (direct threat to health) 911
Spill Hotline 425-806-6750
Volunteer Coordinator (Christi Cox) 425-806-6790
Maintenance and Operations 425-488-0118
Solid Waste Coordinator (Sabrina Combs) 425-806-6768
After-Hours Police Dept. Non-Emergency 425-486-1254

Did you know? Water that enters storm drains flows directly to the nearest river, lake or wetland without treatment. This means that any pollutants on your road, lawn, or driveway are carried right into our streams.

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