

How to Safely Participate in the Adopt-A-Drain Program



City of Bothell™

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)

Spill Hotline

Surface Water Program Coordinator

Maintenance and Operations

Solid Waste Coordinator

After-Hours Police Dept. Non-Emergency

911

425-806-6750

425-806-6790

425-488-0118

425-806-6768

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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