Phone & Fax: Ph: (253) 929-1100 Fax: (253) 887-9910 Website:

www.pacificwa.gov

Tools available by request:

Trash pick-up tool

Safety vest

Bucket

Rubber gloves

# Adopt-A-Drain Program



Thank you for your interest in the City of Pacific Public Works Department Adopt-A-Drain Program. This program is a partnership between the City and its residents to care for our 800+ storm drains by keeping the opening to the drains free from leaves and other debris. Your assistance is greatly appreciated in preventing localized flooding and improving water quality within our watersheds.

#### Task

Monitor and remove accumulated debris from selected storm drain(s) as needed during the storm season, October through March, or anytime you notice debris accumulation.

### **Safety Precautions**

- Participants are advised that working adjacent to a city street can be hazardous. Wear a reflective vest and protective gloves. Always check for traffic before entering the roadway.
- Never remove the drain grate or attempt to remove clogs from beneath the grate. This creates a hazard and may not unclog the system.
- Do not pick up items that have the potential to be hazardous or cause injury, such as heavy objects or items like syringes, broken glass, animal carcasses, etc. These kinds of materials should be flagged. Notify the City at (253) 929-1198 as soon as possible to arrange for proper disposal.
- Never attempt to clear debris from a storm drain or culvert if there is moving water greater than six inches.

## **Storm Drain Monitoring**

- Look for accumulated leaves and debris. During the winter season, shovel aside snow which can also prevent water from entering drains.
  - Look for cracks or damage to the grate or storm drain frame.
  - Call (253) 929-1198 to report any damage.
  - Look for evidence of fluids entering the storm drain other than rainwater (i.e. paint, motor oil, soapy water, cooking oil, etc). Report illegal dumping to Public Works Emergency at (253) 929-1198.
- Separate out any debris that is not yard debris, such as soda cans, cardboard, etc., and put it in your garbage or recycling.
- Empty leaves into your yard debris cart or compost bin (Note: It is not recommended to use compost derived from street leaves in edible gardens).
- View Storm Drain video:



#### **Documentation**

- Report your clean-up via email to cfisher@ci.pacific.wa.us or (253) 929-1100. Hours are reported at the end of each quarter:
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter: October, November, December 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter: January, February, March
- Provide the following: name, date of work, start and end time, and total volunteer time.