



WE CAN ALL DO OUR PART TO KEEP STORMWATER DRAINS CLEAR IN OAKLAND PARK

Stormwater Drains are also known as “Catch Basins”.

What is a Catch Basin? A Catch Basin is an inlet to a storm drain system designed specifically for capturing and conveying stormwater.

A Catch Basin typically includes a steel grate where stormwater enters, and a sump to capture sediment, debris, and associated pollutants.

There are Many Things You Can do to Help Keep Catch Basins Clear

Take a look in the street outside of your residence or place of business, as well as the closest parking lots, and you soon lose count of the number of catch basins that are in place to help alleviate flooding in your neighborhood.

There are well over 2,000 in the City of Oakland Park and more are planned with the major construction projects currently underway.

There are many “little things” that can improve the effectiveness of our stormwater systems and with everyone’s cooperation the catch basins will be able to perform at their maximum level of efficiency during the times when we need them the most.

By taking the following steps, we can all do our part to ensure our City’s catch basins function effectively.

- Keep all catch basin drains clear of all debris. Adhere to the City’s bulk pick-up rules so the drains are not impaired during sudden storms or flash floods. Do not place bulk trash over or on top of a catch basin grate.
- Maintain a healthy lawn. Do not dump yard waste and grass cuttings in the catch basin drains or in the street.

- Never use the catch basin drains for disposing of pet waste or products such as motor oil, pesticides, paints or solvents. Most catch basin drains run to a body of water and these chemicals can have adverse effects on water quality and aquatic life.
- Re-direct roof downspouts from paved areas to vegetated areas.
- Avoid the accumulation of soil, leaves or yard clippings in your driveway, the sidewalk, or the street. These materials will wash down the catch basin drain in a rain event and can cause restricted performance of the drainage system.
- Report any catch basin drains covered with debris, clogged, or damaged, as soon as possible to the City's Stormwater Hotline at **954-561-6275**.
- Note the exact address or specific location of any illegal discharges or dumping in catch basin drains, canals or right-of-ways by contacting the Stormwater Hotline or the Broward Sheriff's Office.

The City's Stormwater staff will be checking catch basin drains on an ongoing basis and will kindly advise residents or businesses how to correct any potential code violations.