

# Make Way for Storm Drains

## STORMWATER MAINTENANCE

### Homeowner Tips

- ◆ Stand on the curb and use a rake or pitch fork to clear leaves, limbs and debris
- ◆ Best time to inspect storm drains in front of your house is before a rain storm.
- ◆ Monitor and clean the street inlets as needed. Inspect more frequently during the fall when trees are dropping their leaves.
- ◆ Maintain openings to street inlets by clearing away snow and ice. Create a 12 inch path along the curb for melting snow and ice.
- ◆ Avoid blowing or raking leaves from the yard into the street when possible.
- ◆ Place leaves in a back yard compost bin or loose leaves (no bags) in the collection bin next to the Maintenance Building during approved drop off period.

**Report a clogged storm drain or a stormwater drainage problem at:**

**215-679-2040**



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Red Hill, PA 18076  
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### What are storm drains?

The grates you see along the street curb and near most street intersections allow rain water to drain from our roadways. Drainage is especially important during storms when flooding can be a concern.

### How do storm drains get clogged?

Although the metal grates on the street surface helps to prevent large objects from entering into the storm sewer, bar spacing still permits smaller objects and debris to pass through.

During the Autumn months, the colorful leaves that painted the landscape end up collecting along the curb edge and on top of the storm grates.

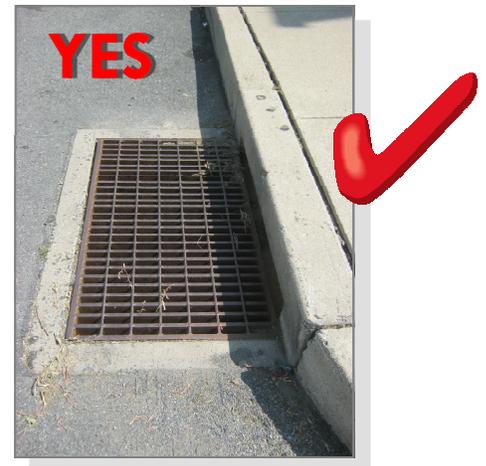
### The wind will carry it away for me, right?

When leaves and debris collect over time, they can become compacted and prevent rain water from properly draining into the street grate. Water can pond along streets and contribute to localized flooding which can be a hazard to traffic.

Snow melt will also have difficulty passing through clogged grates and drains.

### It's a public street and not my concern...

Although Borough staff work hard throughout the year to maintain the storm sewer system, a single major storm system with heavy rain and high winds can clog many of our street drains in a matter of hours. As crews work to repair damages, residents can help lend a hand to control storm drainage in their yards and neighborhoods.



### SAFETY FIRST!

- When working around streets be safe and have another person watching for traffic.
- Try and rake from the curbside and not from standing in the street.
- Do not attempt to remove inlet grates. Only remove debris on top of grate.
- If you see a street inlet filled with debris below the grate, notify the Borough and provide its location.