

✓ CATCH BASIN MAINTENANCE



What is a Catch Basin?

Storm water enters through a **catch basin** (or storm drain), a street-level grate or curb inlet that leads to the City's drainage system. Catch basins prevent debris and other floatable materials from entering the drainage system.



Why is Maintenance Important?

Clogged catch basins can lead to street flooding. Proper maintenance prevents blockages and also minimizes the amount of pollutants which may eventually discharge into local water sources.

✓ HOW CAN YOU HELP?



Proper Waste Disposal

When clearing yards, sidewalks, or driveways dispose of waste in trash receptacles instead of sweeping it into the street and catch basins.



Clear Visible Blockages

If leaves or other debris are blocking the catch basin in your neighborhood, remove and dispose of the waste properly. Help to reduce street flooding by regularly removing accumulated debris.



Things to Avoid

Please **do not** lift the lids or stick limbs in the holes of the catch basins. There is often glass and debris inside, and other hazardous items may be present.



Report Problems

The City of New Orleans, through NOLA 311, handles complaints related to catch basin repairs. Dial **311** from any phone based in New Orleans to report problems with a catch basin.



Interested in organizing a neighborhood catch basin cleanup? The New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board will provide catch basin markers and the necessary tools. For more information, including storm drain tracking, visit: www.swbno.org/environmental_educationoutreach.asp