

The Department of Watershed Management has developed this community program to **improve the quality of stormwater within the City of Atlanta's watersheds and help inform the City about infrastructure maintenance needs.**

Stormwater management, along with flooding and the quality of stormwater that is discharged into waterways, is a concern to the City and its residents. The Adopt-A-Drain program is one way that we can all work to improve our environment.



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## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Adopt-A-Drain program enlists Atlanta resident volunteers to adopt a storm drain, commit to cleaning the drain of leaves and other debris, and monitor the condition of the drain for the duration of the adoption. Residents who adopt a drain will be given simple maintenance guidelines to follow and instructions on how to notify Department of Watershed Management of any problems that may arise with the drain.

## WHY ADOPT A DRAIN?

In most cases, anything that enters the storm drainage system ends up in our local waterways. By pledging to keep your storm drain free of litter, leaves, and other debris, you are joining your neighbors in helping to protect the environment, manage stormwater, minimize flooding, and report infrastructure malfunctions and issues. The Adopt-A-Drain program aims to make residents aware of their street's connection to the waterways within the City and stop pollution before it reaches our local waterways.



<https://mygreenmontgomery.org/2018/unclog-the-bay/>

## WHAT SUPPLIES DO I NEED?

An Adopt-A-Drain "Start-Up Kit" is available for those who decide they want to volunteer for the program. The Adopt-A-Drain coordinator will contact you regarding delivery and will provide you with a brief orientation to the program.

### Start-Up Kit Materials Include:



Gloves



Broom



Rake



Compostable  
Yard Waste  
Bags



Safety  
Vest



Safety  
Glasses

### Please follow these instructions and safety tips before cleaning your storm drain:

- If possible, clear the drain before it starts raining.
- Never try to lift the drain grate.
- Use a rake, broom, or shovel to clean around the drain
- Clear from the sidewalk, not the street.
- Wear reflective clothing so vehicles can see you.
- Always wear gloves and be careful of sharp objects.
- Leaves and other natural material should be placed in a compost bin or bag and left securely on the curb for pickup.

**Medical waste or needles? Construction debris? Toxic materials? Report any issues to the City's Customer Service Center by calling 3-1-1 or visiting ATL311 on the web at [www.atl311.com](http://www.atl311.com).**



## HOW DO I ADOPT A DRAIN?

Sign and submit an Adopt-A-Drain Sign-up Form and Volunteer Adoption Commitment. Submit your signed form online, in person, by email, or by mail to:

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