



Clear Choices Clean Water
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- Our pledge of the month for November is Adopt-a-Storm Drain. We encourage you to find a storm drain or drainage way near you and commit to cleaning it a few times a year. Your effort will prevent flooding in your neighborhood and keep pollution out of our rivers and streams. Visit www.clearchoicescleanwater.org Volunteer Service page to adopt a drain in your area!



- Leaf season is upon us... which means storm drains are becoming increasingly clogged. Debris buildup on storm drain inlets and pipes leads to flooding in the neighborhood and pollution in our waterways. It takes only 10 minutes or less to clear debris off storm drains so get to it and encourage your neighbors to do the same!
- November 15 is America Recycles Day! Did you know each year, the US produces 268 million tons of waste, of which nearly 140 million goes into landfills (EPA.gov)? That's a lot of trash! Implementing small changes into your everyday life, such as composting kitchen scraps and yard waste, using reusable bags, and drinking from a thermos instead of buying bottled beverages, are just a few ways you can help reduce waste. To learn more, visit <https://kab.org/programs/ard/>.



- If you see someone putting trash or other hazardous materials in a storm drain, call 317-246-2856 or go to <https://www.speedwayin.gov/egov/apps/action/center.egov?view=form;page=1;id=12> to report an incident.

Remember: Only rain in the drain!



- Water backing up in your yard or street? Make sure your storm drain inlets are free of debris and leaves. Stormwater professionals get a lot of calls about flooding during heavy rains, and many times the problem can be remedied by simply unblocking the storm drain yourself. Keep an eye on storm drains near you and take a few minutes to clear them off, then visit the Volunteer Service page on the ClearChoices website and pledge to adopt a storm drain!



- Dangerous bacteria, as well as tons of fertilizer and trash pollute our local streams via street-side storm drains every year. This negatively impacts wildlife and public health, but YOU can solve this problem by participating in our SWAT (StormWater Action Team) program! SWAT's are groups of people who come together to steward storm drains and promote water quality awareness. It's a great way to give back and have fun at the same time! Please visit www.thewhiteriveralliance.org/programs/storm-water-action-teams-swat/ for more info.

