

# FALL & WINTER STORMWATER TIPS

## *Prevent flooding & freezing this year!*

There's nothing spookier than a flooded and frozen street or driveway in the middle of winter! Here are some steps you can take to prepare your drainage system for winter weather to keep you and your neighbors safe this year.



### Keep Leaves Off Drains

- Consider leaving your leaves in your yard this year.
- Leaf litter is habitat for many native insects, provides nutrients for plants, and replenishes soil.
- If you do rake your leaves, don't pile them on storm drains.
- Keep your storm drains clear of leaves to prevent clogging and flooding.



### Use Road Salt Sparingly

- A little salt goes a long way! Use about a coffee cup's worth of salt for 250 square feet.
- Remember, more salt does not equal more melting!
- After snow melts, sweep up salt for reuse.
- Store containers of salt in a garage or under a roof.



### Clean Your Gutters

- Clean gutters of leaves and debris before winter weather sets in.
- This prevents debris from freezing in your gutters and keeps your gutters working longer.



### Shovel Snow Onto Yards

- Shovel snow onto your yard, not into the street. This will let the ground absorb the snowmelt.
- Remove snow from your storm drains to prevent flooding.



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