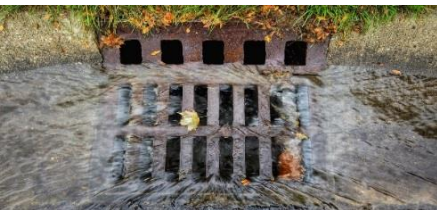




**ADOPT  
@ STORM  
DRAIN**



# DRAIN CAPTAIN PROGRAM



**Adopt a drain  
Get creative  
Keep it clean**

**Tell a neighbor  
Be a steward  
Reduce flooding**



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## How do Storm Drains Work?

Storm drainage systems help prevent flooding by diverting rainwater into nearby waterways. During rainstorms, water runs off of buildings, roads, and other hard surfaces, collecting trash and pollutants along the way. The water and pollutants flow into storm drains and through underground pipes, directly into the nearest stream, pond or water reservoir.

## What is a Storm Drain?

Storm drains are metal grates found on urban and suburban streets, often at corners and on the sides of curbs and gutters. They help prevent flooding by draining rainwater and melted snow off of streets and other paved surfaces.

Pollutants and debris not properly disposed of can enter our bays and harm our environment and wildlife including:

- Pet waste
- Litter
- Motor oils
- Yard waste
- Household hazardous waste (i.e. paint, cleaners, fertilizers)

Contaminated runoff flows into storm drains and then into waterways, like **Greens Bayou**, and eventually Galveston Bay.

## How to Help?

- 1) Contact GBC to arrange an educational meeting with your local water district or homeowners association.
- 2) Become a Neighborhood Drain Captain and watch for pollutants and debris entering the storm drains.
- 3) Adopt a drain, name it, vow to keep it clean and safe.
- 4) Tell a neighbor and spread the message.
- 5) Share photos with #GreensDrainCaptain

