

# About Adopt a Drain

Volunteer fifteen minutes, twice a month, for cleaner waterways and healthier communities.

Storm drains flow directly to local lakes, rivers, and wetlands, acting as a conduit for trash and organic pollutants.

Adopt-a-Drain asks residents to adopt a storm drain in their neighborhood and keep it clear of leaves, trash, and other debris to reduce water

**Thank you for Helping  
Keep Waite Park Clean  
of Trash & Debris!**

Questions?

Contact:

[adam.ritsche@ci.waitepark.mn.us](mailto:adam.ritsche@ci.waitepark.mn.us)



If you would like a free yard sign and welcome card, please email the city's water resource technician Adam. His email is listed above.

Thank you!

**Address: 19 13th Ave N,  
Waite Park, MN 56387**

**City of Waite Park's  
NEW PROGRAM  
Adopt a Storm Drain !**

## Adopt a Storm Drain!

Keep your neighborhood clean and protect local waterways.



**Sweep up! Rake up! Pick up!**

Sign up to  
adopt a drain



Keep your  
drain clear



Track your  
impact



**ADOPT  
A STORM  
DRAIN**  
A project of Hamline University

**Sign up today!**  
[adopt-a-drain.org](http://adopt-a-drain.org)

## How to Begin

### Sign up

Sign up online to adopt a drain in your neighborhood.

### Keep your drain clear

Sweep leaves, trash and other debris off the drain surface year round.

### Track your impact

Keep an estimated total of the debris you collect and enter it into your online account so we can gauge the cumulative results of our work.

### Lead by example

Let friends and neighbors know about your commitment and, if they ask, tell them about small things they can do at home to prevent water pollution.

## Safety First!



### Cleaning

There could be something sharp or otherwise harmful near the drain, so wear work gloves to protect your hands and be careful when picking up leaves and trash.



### Busy Streets

It's best to adopt drains on local residential streets. If you do adopt a drain on a street with lots of traffic, please stick to clearing trash and debris from the sidewalk and let city staff take care of the street and the surface of the storm drain

**Visit [adopt-a-drain.org](http://adopt-a-drain.org)  
to Sign up and Learn  
More**

## Pollution Prevention Tips



Trash clogs drains and pipes causing flooding. Put it in the garbage.



Leaves, grass, and dirt contain phosphorus, which feeds the algae that turn lakes green. Keep them off streets and sidewalks.



Dog poop carries harmful bacteria and phosphorus. Pick up after your pet!



Salt is harmful to waterways and aquatic life. Just one teaspoon pollutes five gallons of water forever. Sweep up leftover salt and reuse it.