



Adopt a Drain Program

The Adopt a Drain Program enables residents, students, and business owners to become environmental stewards of their neighborhood by adopting a storm drain. Adopting a storm drain means pledging to keep the drain clean by removing leaves and trash on top. This is a voluntary program where anyone who lives, works, or spends time in Burlingame can adopt a drain near their home, work, or school.

Why Adopt a Drain?

There are over 1,600 storm drains in Burlingame. These storm drains carry both untreated rainwater and pollutants directly to our local creeks and the San Francisco Bay. Maintaining all the storm drains in the city is a challenge, especially during heavy rainfall. Leaves, cigarette butts, pet waste, and litter accumulate in our storm drains throughout the year. The City wants your help to keep these drains clear of leaves and trash which can otherwise cause localized flooding and pollute our Bay. By adopting a drain, volunteers can make a positive and visible impact for their community.



Storm drains come in multiple shapes and sizes in Burlingame.



How Can I Participate?

Find storm drains to adopt by using our Adopt a Drain map. Visit www.burlingame.org/adoptadrain to get started.



Program Benefits:

Reduces localized flooding

Prevents trash from entering the Bay

Drain adopters receive free supplies

Volunteers can name their adopted drain

Safety Guidelines and Cleaning Tips

How to Care for Your Adopted Drain

- If possible, clean your drain before it starts raining.
- Only pick up items at the top of the drain.
- Sort your items. Leaves and other organic debris go in the green compost bin (if available). Recyclables, like plastic bottles, go in the blue recycle bin. All other items, like trash or litter, should be disposed in the black trash bin.
- Clear about 10 feet on both sides of the drain.
- If you find that the inside of the drain is full of trash or debris, call the Public Works Department at **(650) 558-7670** to have it cleaned.

Drain Cleaning Safety Tips

- Never lift or remove the drain grate or cover.
- Clear from the sidewalk, not on the street.
- Wear reflective or bright-colored clothing.
- Be conscious of your surroundings and moving vehicles.
- Always wear gloves and be careful of sharp objects.

DID YOU KNOW?

Storm drains in Burlingame are separate from the sanitary sewer system. This means that both rainwater and pollutants that enter the drains will flow directly into our creeks and the San Francisco Bay.

Spread the Word!

Share your before and after photos with us by using **#AdoptADrain** or by tagging us on Facebook or Twitter.

Drain Status: Adopt Me



Drain Status: Adopted



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