

## WHAT SUPPLIES DO I NEED?

City staff will contact you regarding orientation and training, and to provide you with an Adopt-A-Drain "Start-Up Kit."

### Start-Up Kit Materials Include:

- Gloves
- Broom
- Rake
- Drain Spade
- Compostable Yard Waste Bags
- Safety Vest
- Safety Glasses



## Please follow these instructions and safety tips before cleaning your storm drain

- If possible, clear the drain before it starts raining.
- Never try to lift the drain grate.
- Use a rake, broom, or shovel, not your hands.
- Clear from the sidewalk, not the street.
- Wear reflective clothing so vehicles can see you.
- Always wear gloves and be careful of sharp objects!
- Leaves and other natural material should be placed in a compost bin or bag and left securely on the curb for pickup.

Medical waste or needles? Construction debris? Toxic materials? Report any issues to the City's Customer Service Center by calling 3-1-1 or visiting ATL311 on the web at [www.atl311.com](http://www.atl311.com).

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# ADOPT A DRAIN - PROGRAM - for Volunteers & Participants





The Department of Watershed Management has developed this community program to improve the quality of stormwater within the City of Atlanta’s watersheds and help inform the City about infrastructure maintenance needs. Stormwater management, along with flooding and the quality of stormwater that is discharged into waterways, is a concern to the City and its residents. The Adopt-A-Drain program is one way that we can all work to improve our environment.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Adopt-A-Drain program enlists volunteers to adopt a storm drain, commit to cleaning the drain of leaves and other debris and then monitor the condition of that drain for the duration of the adoption. Residents who adopt a drain will be given simple guidelines to follow and instructions on how to notify Department of Watershed Management of any problems with the drain.

PROGRAM GOALS

The purpose of this program is to improve the City’s storm drainage system by educating and promoting the public’s involvement in stormwater management and maintenance.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- ❑ Reduce litter, yard waste, and pollutants from entering storm drainage system
- ❑ Encourage collaboration between residents and the City
- ❑ Facilitate quicker reporting of damaged or blocked storm drainage system infrastructure
- ❑ Educate and engage the public on the importance of properly maintained stormwater infrastructure

WHY ADOPT A DRAIN?

Thank you for your interest in adopting one or more of Atlanta’s storm drains (also called catch basins). By pledging to keep your storm drain free of leaves and debris, you are joining your neighbors in helping to protect the environment, manage stormwater, minimize flooding, and report infrastructure malfunctions and issues.

HOW DO I ADOPT A DRAIN?

Sign and submit an *Adopt-A-Drain Sign-up Form and Volunteer Adoption Commitment*, and submit your signed form online, in person, by email or by mail to:

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