

# CITY OF LA PORTE MS4 PROGRAM

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**LA PORTE**  
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**Keep Storm Drains Clear - Its Everyone's  
Responsibility!**

Before a storm hits, be sure to clear leaves, grass clippings and trash away from storm drains near your home. Our crews continuously monitor drains, but there's a lot of ground to cover and clogged drains can lead to street flooding. It can also increase the risk of water backing up into your property.

#### **Why It Matters**

**Blocked Drains = Flooded Roads**

**Clean Drains = Water Flows Smoothly**

**Drains that are free of debris don't just function better - they make our city look better too!**

**Remember Only Rain Down the Drain!**

## **Spring Time Stormwater Management**

**As a homeowner, you can help avoid the problems associated with stormwater runoff by:**

- **reduce impervious areas so that the rain water soaks into the ground**
- **plant native trees and plants which help infiltrate stormwater**
- **manage stormwater onsite with rain gardens, rain barrels and other similar practices**

**By doing some of these things you will have a big impact on improving stormwater management.**



## **Keep Grass Clippings On Your Lawn**

**Here are some tips to help recycle grass clippings for healthy waterways.**

- **Cut grass when it is dry**
- **Use a sharp mower blade and do not cut more than  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the grass blade.**
- **Keep grass mowed to between 2-3"**
- **If the grass is too high, you can mow over clippings to make them smaller and spread them out further on the lawn**
- **When mowing along a sidewalk or street be sure the blower is facing back towards the lawn**

## **May is American Wetlands Month!**

**Wetlands are rich and productive natural ecosystems that span every continent, unifying all of us with their life-giving gifts - purifying our water, protecting us from floods and storms, giving homes for wildlife and providing opportunities for recreation including bird watching, hunting, fishing and boating.**

**Now that warmer weather has arrived now is the time to get outside and explore our wetlands! Keep your eyes out for frogs, snakes, turtles, birds, flowers and more!**

**To learn more about wetlands please visit: <https://www.fws.gov/>**



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