



## City of Superior Environmental Services Division of Public Works

# Adopt-a-Drain Program

### Program Goals:

- Connect residents and business owners with their watershed and sewershed.
- Understand the connections between litter in urban areas and the health of local streams and lakes.
- Identify types of litter and implications to waterbodies.
- Encourage better waste management in homes and businesses, decreasing litter.

### Program Activities:

- Register site(s) with Megan Högfeltdt, Water Resources Specialist for the Environmental Services Division of Public Works.  
hogfeldtm@ci.superior.wi.us or 715-394-0392
- Schedule site visit and storm drain stenciling with volunteer(s) and City Water Resources Employee
- Clean assigned storm drain 1x/week (during the ice-free seasons)
  - Clean gutter 5 feet on either side of stormdrain.
  - Remove overgrown vegetation within 1-2 feet of stormdrain(s) using shovel.
  - Pick up or sweep litter and debris into a dustpan and place litter in a bucket or bag.
- Note condition of storm drain/related infrastructure.
  - Complete storm drain data card (if participating in the data collection).
  - Recycle or compost any items that you can.
  - Throw the rest of the items into the garbage.
- Send in data cards annually (in mid-November). Reminder email will be sent out.
- Renew membership annually (in March). Reminder email will be sent out.

### Why should I adopt a storm drain?

- Reduce potential flooding in your neighborhood by keeping drains free of debris.
- Protect fish and wildlife by preventing pollutants from entering streams and lakes.
- Set a positive example for others in your community.

## City of Superior, Adopt-a-Drain Volunteer Registration

### Volunteer Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Facility ID/ Drain Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you already clear the storm drain occasionally? Yes No

Does the storm drain have a history of being blocked with debris? Yes No

I am volunteering on my own behalf? Yes No

### Guidelines and Liability:

1. Never attempt to clear debris from an intake or culvert if there is moving water greater than 2" deep (about ankle height).
2. Clean storm drain from the boulevard side, as possible, using a rake or broom.
3. Always check for traffic before entering a roadway.
4. Wear brightly colored clothing so motorists can see you.
5. Do not touch or attempt to remove hazardous materials such as syringes. Call the Superior Fire Dept. at 715-394-0227 if you find hazardous materials. After hours, contact 911.
6. To remove dead animals, call Public Works at 715-395-7334. After hours, contact 911.
7. Separate out any debris that is not yard waste, such as pop cans, cardboard, etc., and put it in your regular garbage or recycling.
8. Place the natural debris (leaves, grass clippings, etc.) removed from the intake on a compost pile or in a bag and bring to the landfill.
9. The applicant releases the City of Superior from any claim for damage to persons or property resulting from the removal of debris or cleaning of the adopted intake.
10. The City has my permission to use photos or video taken during my volunteer activities in order to promote the City, its programs, or events.
11. The City may terminate the agreement hereunder at any time.

**I agree to regularly remove the debris from my adopted storm drain in accordance with the guidelines, safety tips, terms, and liability waiver listed above.**

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Signature

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Date