

DRAINS
are not
DUMPSTERS



**Town of Brookhaven
Highway Department**



It's Your Water

Long Island is world renowned for its beaches and waterways. What you do on land has a direct impact on our local waters. Your actions can affect the health of our coastal waters and impact scenic vistas.

Grass clippings and yard waste that are dumped in storm drains can clog drains, flood residential streets, cause water quality problems, and create navigational hazards.





Don't let this happen to your street!

It's Your Community

Drains that are clogged with grass clippings and yard waste cause street flooding, creating hazardous road conditions during heavy rain.

Take pride in your community. Keep drains clear of leaves, grass clippings and garbage.

Healthy waterways are your community's asset. Protect your local waterways.

It's Your Responsibility

It is a violation of Town of Brookhaven Town Code (§86A) and New York State regulations to dispose of debris in storm drains. Anyone using a storm drain to discard waste is liable for fines and penalties of \$500 or more!

Yard waste should be bagged and properly disposed of at local compost facilities.

NEVER blow or sweep debris into storm drains!



Drain Digest



Drains are not dumpsters.



The area around storm drains should be kept clean.



Do not throw garbage down storm drains.



You can be fined for dumping garbage and yard waste down a storm drain.



Street drains are storm drains. They are designed to quickly remove water from the street.



Clogged storm drains can cause street flooding.



Many storm drains are piped directly to the nearest water body.



Dumping in a storm drain is the same as dumping in the water. **IT IS ILLEGAL!**



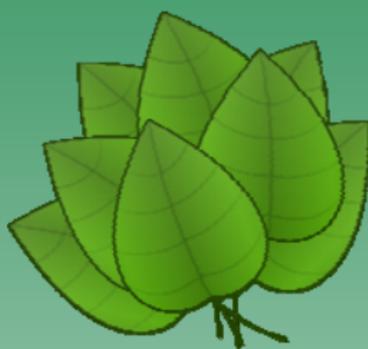
Avoid Drain Dilemmas

Rake It
Sweep It
Bag It
Compost It

Pass it On

Community Aesthetics
Dry Streets
Clean Water
It's the Law!

Protect Your Water
Protect Your Community



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