



## Maintenance

If a drainage channel or creek passes through a private property, the property owner is responsible for the maintenance of the channel or creek.

This maintenance shall include, but is not limited to, sediment removal, bank erosion repairs, maintenance of vegetative cover, and removal of debris from pipes and structures

Every person owning or occupying property through which an open drainage channel passes shall keep and maintain that part of the drainage channel within the property free of trash, debris, excessive vegetation, and other obstacles that would pollute, contaminate, or retard the flow of water through the drainage channel.

The City maintains City owned pipes, culverts, open drainage channels and structures.

If you see a pipe, culvert or structure that is partially or fully blocked, please contact the Public Works Department at 732-2200.



## Help Prevent Pollution

Store yardwaste, grass clippings, compost, wood, landscaping materials, etc. away from the storm water system.

Do not dispose of yardwaste, grass clippings, brush or debris into the storm water system (including the street, open drainage channels, ravines, etc).

Never dump anything down the storm drains.

Properly dispose paints, solvents, cleaners, weed killers, insecticides, and other chemicals.

Collect oil and other automotive products, and recycle or dispose of them properly.

Keep cars and other machinery properly maintained so that there are no leaks. Clean up spills and properly dispose of clean up materials.

Wash cars on the lawn so that soapy water can't quickly run into the storm drain.

Clean up pet wastes.

Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces.



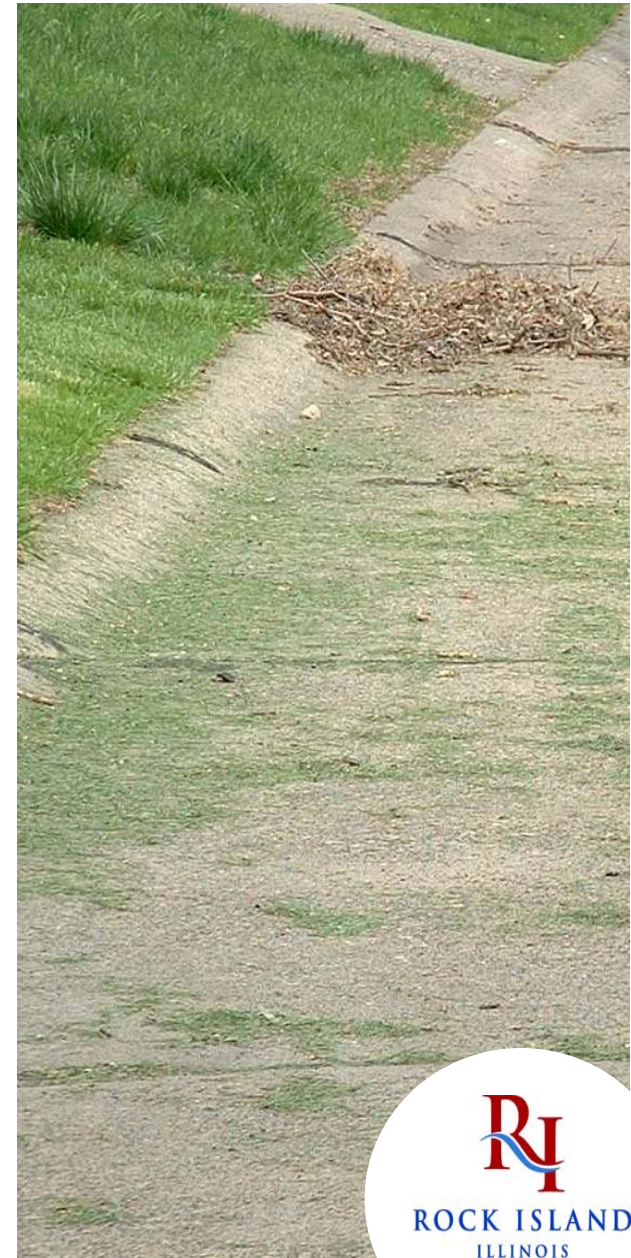
If you have any questions about any of this information or other activities of the Public Works Department, please visit the City website ([www.rigov.org](http://www.rigov.org)) or contact us at....

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## Proper Disposal of Natural Materials

City of Rock Island

Public Works Department



## Storm Water Control Ordinance

The storm water system consists of streets, ditches, manholes, inlet structures, pipes, swales, natural or manmade drainageways, detention ponds, wetlands, creeks, streams rivers and any other area in which surface water flows either permanently or intermittently. Storm water discharges untreated into the river.

The Storm Water Control Ordinance does not allow yardwaste, grass clippings, stones, earth, concrete, wood, sediment, trash, etc. to be released into the storm water system. Only clean water is allowed into the storm water system.

Grass clippings, leaves or other materials are not allowed to be placed into the street or dumped into ravines where they can be washed into the storm water system.

Violations of the Storm Water Control Ordinance are subject to fines from \$250 to \$1,500 per violation per day.



## Help Keep the Storm Water Flowing

Rainstorms pick up yardwaste, grass clippings, compost piles, wood, mulch, landscaping and other debris and carry it into the storm drainage system (streets, open drainage channels, pipes, culverts, etc.). This debris can restrict the storm water flows and cause flooding.



## Household Hazardous Material Disposal

Use the Scott County, Iowa household hazardous material facility to properly dispose of yard care chemicals, paints, drain openers, oven cleaners, stains and varnishes, epoxies, adhesives and other household and automotive chemicals. This facility will accept Rock Island County residents' materials at no cost. For more information call (563) 381-1300.

## Proper Disposal

The City of Rock Island offers a Drop Off Center for refuse and yardwaste every Saturday except holidays between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. for its refuse customers. The Center is located at the Public Works facility, 1309 Mill Street.



The Subscription Yardwaste Collection Program is offered to residential customers who would like weekly collection of yardwaste during the growing season (the first week of April through the first week of December). The charge of the program is \$100 per season. Multiple neighbors may share a single subscription as long as the yardwaste is placed in one location.

Each residential customer receives one FREE Special Pickup per calendar year per dwelling unit on an appointment basis. Additional Special Pickups may be scheduled for a service charge of \$25 per Special Pickup. A Special Pickup may be scheduled by calling the Public Works Department at 732-2200.

The City of Rock Island has developed a Curbside Recycling Program. The program will begin in the Spring, 2008 at the cost of \$36 per year per subscriber. To subscribe to the Curbside Recycling Program, please contact the Public Works Department at 732-2200 or [pubworksmail@rigov.org](mailto:pubworksmail@rigov.org).