

WHY CLEAN STORM DRAINS?

A clean storm drain prevents flooding, improves traffic flow, and maintains safe pedestrian access. All storm drains in Berkeley drain to the bay. Cleaning the storm drains helps us improve the water quality of the Bay.

PUBLIC WORKS CORPORATION YARD OPERATIONS SUPPORT

1326 Allston Way, Building A

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Telephone: 311 or (510) 981-2489

On weekends, holidays and after hours, the answering service dispatches to on-call crews.

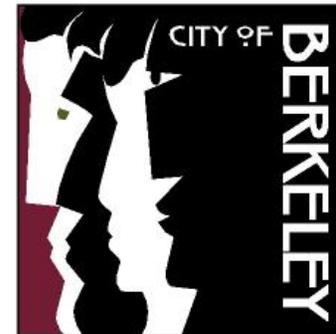
E-mail: customerservice@cityofberkeley.info

Website: www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/PW

ADOPT-A-DRAIN PROGRAM:

**Jaime Valencia Public Works Supervisor,
PW Operations, 981-2489**

GETTING READY FOR WINTER STORMS



CITY OF BERKELEY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS



Public Works Prepare For Winter Storms

Public Works maintains approximately 7,000 storm drains. We inspect and clean each of the drains every year. Problem drains are cleaned more frequently on a routine basis, in response to complaints, and in preparation for storm events.

Each year, Public Works prepares for upcoming storm seasons with “All Storm Days” which consist of Public Works crews and volunteers. The dates vary from year to year, but are generally held in early fall after first leaf fall and before storm season gets underway. Check our website for details regarding volunteer activities.



City crews and volunteers focus on inspecting and cleaning storm drains, working on problem drainage areas and making sure all storm drains are cleared before the rains. Sweeping and raking out gutters and streets with high leaf fall. Drains are stenciled or marked with medallions to remind citizens that storm water drains to the bay.



PREPARING FOR RAINY WEATHER

Listed below are some ways residents can help keep our Storm Drains Clean and Prevent Neighborhood Flooding:

- **Observe Street-Sweeping Days.** Don't park on blocks scheduled for street sweeping trucks. Storm drains get and stay clogged if leaves cannot be removed from the streets.
- **Keep our number handy for rainy days.** If there is a storm drain backup, call Customer Service at 311 or (510) 981-2489
- **Adopt-a-Storm-Drain:** Help keep local drains clean and avoid flooding. Call Jaime Valencia for more information on how to sign up at (510) 981-2489. If you find a storm drain that you cannot clear, call 311 or (510) 981-2489 to report the problem.
- **Sandbags.** Be prepared. If you're in a flood-prone area, pick up sandbags before it rains. They're available to Berkeley residents at the Public Works Operations Office, Building A, 1326 Allston Way, at the Corporation Yard, Monday through Friday, between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm and at Fire Stations while supplies last.
- **Report Illegal Dumping.** Help prevent illegal dumping. If you observe illegal dumping in progress, call the Police 981-5900, otherwise call 311 or (510) 981-2489.

