



What protects your street and property from **FLOODING** during big rain storms?

It's your storm drainage utility. It's made up of pipelines, pumps and other infrastructure that, because of its age, needs constant care by City of Sacramento Utilities staff. They make sure it's always working during the rainy season so rain water flows out to the river rather than backing up onto the street and into your car, home or business. It's what protects your property from damage.

There are 38,734 storm drains in the city — one on almost every block. Street flooding is a sign that either a drain is clogged or another part of the system is blocked or has failed.

Blockages can be caused by leaves, trash, cigarette butts or other debris. Not only do they create problems for the storm drainage utility, they can damage the environment if they make their way into our creeks and rivers.

The system faces challenges because it's aging and deteriorating. It needs rehabilitation and improvement to ensure we:



Protect the community from street flooding and related property damage



Comply with public health regulations



Provide safe and reliable storm drainage service to customers



Meet environmental regulations

SIMPLE WAYS TO HELP

- 1 Keep your gutter clear of leaves and debris.** During leaf season (December–February), stack your leaf piles three feet away from the gutter so rain water can freely flow into the storm drain.
- 2 Take a tour of one of our pump stations.** You'll be surprised to see what they do for you and how hard they work during winter season.
- 3 Get informed.** Sign up for a presentation and e-mail info about our storm drainage system at PreventStreetFlooding.com.