

# ADOPT A STORM DRAIN



*This initiative is a partnership between The Alliance for Aquatic Resource Monitoring (ALLARM) and the Borough of Carlisle to help keep the LeTort Spring Run clean and healthy. Litter and debris clogging storm drain inlets not only increases flooding of streets, but also causes water to flow further over land and pick up more pollutants before it runs into the LeTort. By adopting a storm drain, you are playing an active part in maintaining the health of the LeTort and mitigating street flooding.*

## VOLUNTEER COMMITMENTS

We ask that Adopt a Storm Drain volunteers fill out an [Adopt a Storm Drain Profile](#) to select storm drains and let us know how often you plan to clear them. Ideally, we ask that volunteers clear their storm drains weekly.

*Clearing the storm drain involves:*

- *Keeping the drain free of leaves and other debris.*
- *A regular schedule of maintenance, preferably weekly.*

## DISPOSING OF DEBRIS

- Use a leaf litter bag.
- Do not blow, rake, or hose leaves and litter into the street.
- Separate recyclables, compost, and trash into their appropriate bins for pickup.

*Recyclables include:*

*Glass, paper, cans, plastic, and cardboard.*

*Grass clippings should not be composted in large quantities.*

## MATERIALS

ALLARM holds Adopt a Storm Drain supply pick-ups one or twice a semester. These events will be advertised in the Stormwater Newsletter and via separate emails. [Sign up](#) for our mailing list to keep up to date on all stormwater events!

*ALLARM provides:*

- *Leaf litter bags*
- *Garden gloves*
- *Safety vests*

## SAFETY GUIDELINES

Please exercise caution when clearing storm drains. Your safety is of utmost importance.

- Only clear curbside drains.
- Watch out for traffic and wear a safety vest to make sure you're seen.
- Do not try to clear your drain when there is standing water.
- Clear surface debris only—do not try to clean anything in the catch basin.
- Do not remove the grate, if present.
- Use gloves or a rake to clear the drain.

Thank you for helping to keep the LeTort clean and healthy!

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