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## How you can help MSD drainage crews working to protect the community from localized flooding — *Do not rake leaves of debris into street curbs and catch basins* —

LOUISVILLE, KY— Before the rain falls and streets fill with water, Louisville MSD drainage crews take steps to protect Louisville Metro from localized flooding. They check large drainage ditches and culverts in areas with flooding issues, ensuring they are open and debris-free.

You can help, too! Be a good neighbor by not raking leaves or yard waste into a drainage ditch or channel. The debris may flow away from your site but can cause trouble for folks downstream.

Street flooding can also happen when catch basins, openings along the curb of a roadway that “catch” rainwater, become clogged with leaves and debris. MSD has full-time employees dedicated to cleaning and clearing these catch basins. It is a big job since Jefferson County has nearly 75,000 catch basins!

Do not rake any leaves or debris into these catch basins. Some flow directly to a stream, and some are part of the sewer system. The added leaves and debris can cause clogs and backups in these systems.

If you see a catch basin clogged with leaves and debris, please call MSD Customer Relations at 502-540-6000 or send an email to [CustomerRelations@LouisvilleMSD.org](mailto:CustomerRelations@LouisvilleMSD.org).

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### About MSD

The Louisville/Jefferson County Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) works to achieve and maintain clean, environmentally safe waterways for a healthy and vibrant community. The organization’s nearly 750 employees provide wastewater management, drainage and flood protection services across the 376 square miles of Louisville Metro, and wastewater service in portions of Bullitt and Oldham counties. In addition to operating and maintaining Louisville Metro’s sewer system, floodwall system, water quality treatment centers and flood pumping stations, MSD invests in hundreds of infrastructure improvement projects each year, plants more than 1,000 trees and other vegetation annually to enhance water filtration and reduce runoff, and provides numerous outreach programs to inform and educate the community about protecting our waterways.