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How you can help MSD drainage crews working to protect the city from localized flooding

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 known to have flooding issues, making sure they are open and free of large debris.

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. Since Jefferson County has nearly 73,000 catch basins, it is a big job!

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. Or you can report the problem from our website at LouisvilleMSD.org/ReportProblem.

For more information on Stormwater/Drainage, visit LouisvilleMSD.org/What-We-Do/StormwaterDrainage.

Background

Louisville MSD provides stormwater/drainage services to most of Jefferson County*. When it rains or snows, all that stormwater has to go somewhere. First, the stormwater runoff makes its way to more than 3,600 miles of drainage swales, channels, storm drains, and pipes that carry it away from our homes and businesses. Then it flows into creeks and streams and eventually to the Ohio River in our area.

**The cities of Anchorage, Jeffersontown, St. Matthews and Shively provide residents and businesses in those municipalities with stormwater/drainage service.*

Media may access this link for b-roll images of catch basin cleaning by MSD employees.

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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 more than 670 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.