

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Annual catch basin cleaning program set to begin

### Summary

Beginning Monday, April 20, City of Nanaimo Public Works staff and contractors will be out cleaning the City's inventory of stormwater catch basins.

Starting in the Duke Point area, crews will work their way north via the east to Dickinson Road then back south via the west to Cinnabar Valley. This work involves large equipment, please approach with caution and obey flag persons directions. The annual catch basin cleaning program is expected to be complete by August 2020.

*Strategic Link:* The catch basin cleaning program promotes the City's priorities of Governance Excellence and Environmental Responsibility through the regular maintenance and inspection of assets and diverting pollutants from waterways.

### Key Points

- During the program storm sewer grates are pulled off and the catch basin is then cleaned out using a vacuum truck. The material is then separated from any water, dried and taken to the landfill.
- Groess Environmental was contracted to conduct this year's catch basin cleaning program with City of Nanaimo Public Works staff.
- Commuters are asked to watch for flaggers and crews on the roads.

### Quotes

"Our annual catch basin cleaning program helps to divert potential pollutants from environmentally sensitive areas such as waterways. It also serves as an inspection of the catch basins for any deficiencies that may need repairing."

Wayne Roulston  
General Foreman Wastewater Collection  
City of Nanaimo

### Quick Facts

- Approximately 7,000 catch basins are expected to be cleaned.

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