

NEWS RELEASE

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Annual fall catch basin cleaning program set to begin today

Summary

Beginning Monday, October 25, 2021, City of Nanaimo Public Works staff and contractors will be out cleaning the City's stormwater catch basins.

Starting in the Duke Point area, crews will work their way north cleaning catch basins along major arterial roadways. Since this work involves large equipment, please approach with caution and obey traffic control person's directions. Work will take place for two weeks, wrapping up on November 5, 2021.

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 City 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 a regeneration facility.
- Drivers, cyclists and pedestrians are asked to watch for crews and traffic control personnel on the roads, and be aware of missing grates near the work zone.

Quotes

"Regular maintenance of stormwater infrastructure helps divert pollutants from waterways, and ensures rainwater can drain away quickly. Maintenance also supports the City's asset management goals by identifying any deficiencies that may need repairing.

Residents can help ensure good drainage by clearing leaves away from catchbasins and private drains."

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