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Annual catch basin cleaning program set to begin

Crews set to clean around 10,000 catch basins in Nanaimo

Summary

Beginning Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 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 on the east side to Dickinson Road then back south on the west side of the city to Cinnabar Valley. This work involves large equipment and staff working on the road. Please approach with caution and obey traffic control personnel's directions. The annual catch basin cleaning program is expected to be complete by August 2022.

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. An inspection is then conducted for any deficiencies. The material is then disposed of in an environmentally safe manner.
- Groess Environmental has been contracted to conduct the 2022 catch basin cleaning program with City of Nanaimo Public Works staff.
- Drivers, cyclists and pedestrians are asked to watch for crews and traffic control personal on the roads, and be aware of missing grates near the work zone.

Quotes

"Our annual catch basin cleaning program works on two fronts. It diverts pollutants from from waterways and staff are able to inspect each catch basin to identify any needed repairs."

Bill Sims
General Manager, Engineering & Public Works
City of Nanaimo

Quick Facts

- Approximately 10,000 catch basins are inspected and cleaned each year.

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