

Keep Fats, Oils and Grease Out of Catch Basins



Putting fats, oils and grease (FOG) down a catch basin or storm drain can cause real environmental issues. Placing FOG in catch basins or storm drains means that nearby receiving watercourses can be directly and severely impacted

and ultimately catch basins and storm drains can become blocked, increasing flooding risk.

FOG should only ever be placed in the green bin.

For more information: portcoquitlam.ca/fog



Storage and Disposal of Hazardous Household Products

Store cleaning and deodorizing products, polishing compounds, solvents, acids and strong cleaning agents in a secure location where spills will be contained and prevented from entering the storm drain or sanitary sewer systems.

Always follow the manufacturer's directions and local guidelines for safe disposal.

For further disposal information:

BC Recycling Hot line

Phone: 604.732.9253 | **Website:** rcbc.bc.ca



Have Questions?

Public Works

Phone: 604.927.5496

Email: publicworks@portcoquitlam.ca

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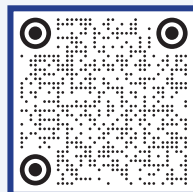
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Catch Basins and Our Environment



Help keep catch basins clear to prevent flooding and protect our waterways.

portcoquitlam.ca/catchbasins

Catch Basins and Storm Drains

Catch basins, also known as storm drains, are slotted grates along roadways, lanes, parking lots and driveways that collect rain, snow and surface runoff.



Catch basins empty into underground storm sewer systems. Unlike sanitary sewers, surface runoff that enters into a catch basin is **not treated** in any way before it discharges into natural bodies of water.



This runoff makes its way to our creeks and may influence the aquatic life there. This is why it is important not to introduce any harmful substances, including sediment, into open ditches or catch basins.

Spills

Spills must be contained and cleaned up immediately to prevent the materials from entering the storm drain or sanitary sewer systems. Refer to the product's Safety Data Sheet.

Some chemicals may be flammable, toxic, corrosive, or have other hazardous properties. The Fire Department is available to assist with such situations. To report a spill please call the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness helpline on 1.800.663.3456.

Take Care of Catch Basins in Your Neighbourhood



Please help keep storm drains and catch basins near your home clear of leaves, snow and ice to prevent flooding.

To reduce the risk of flooding, residents are requested to do the following:

- Locate any drains or catch basins near your property.
- Keep them clear of leaves, snow and ice.
- Clear a path so water can flow freely into the drain.

Please use the following disposal tips:

- Keep construction materials (paint washings, aggregates, slurries, drywall, etc.) contained so they do not seep into catch basins.
- Pour leftover soapy water from vehicle cleaning down the sink or on the lawn.
- Drain pool and hot tub water slowly onto the ground to allow chlorine to dissipate or down a sink/sanitary drain.
- Keep wastewater from non-routine chemical cleaning activities (e.g. chemicals used to clean cedar roofs, cement, sidings etc.) contained and dispose of this appropriately. You can take this type of chemical waste to a nearby disposal facility.
- Use paint recycling facilities to dispose of paint.
- Recycle used oil and filters or dispose at your retailer.
- Use drop cloths / absorbent pads under vehicles.

For more tips visit: portcoquitlam.ca/watercourse

Common Household Products that are Hazardous to Aquatic Life



Cleaning Products

- Bleach
- Detergents
- Drain and toilet cleaners
- Rug and upholstery cleaners
- Leather preservers
- Dry cleaning agents
- Car wash detergent
- Polishing agents



Paints and Solvents

- Paints
- Shellacs
- Lacquers
- Varnishes
- Enamels
- Paint thinners
- Paint and varnish strippers
- Rustproof coatings



Automotive Products

- Motor oil
- Antifreeze
- Brake fluid
- Carburetor cleaner
- Gasoline
- Gasoline additives
- Transmission fluid
- Degreasers
- Sealers



Pesticides

- Disinfectants
- Insecticides
- Fungicides
- Rodenticides
- Herbicides
- Molluscicides
- Wood preservatives

