

Monthly Stormwater Tip - January 2016

The City of Dallas reports they have 70,000 storm inlets and it costs them 3.3M to clean them when they are clogged with trash and yard waste. This is just the surface cleaning; vacuum cleaning of the inlets would raise the cost exponentially. The Borough's stormsewer map indicates we have approximately 210 inlets which would require an equivalent cost of \$10,500 to clear surface debris once per year. This is approximately \$50/inlet each time it gets cleared. Inlets get blocked with trash, yard waste and leaves more than once per year. It is a municipal responsibility to keep the inlets clean both inside the boxes and on the surface. This is a significant effort and one which could be assisted by local residents. If you notice debris on the surface of an inlet, please volunteer to clear it. Dispose of the debris with your trash waste.