



Only Rain in the Storm Drain!

The warm seasons in Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas can bring fast-changing weather patterns. A storm can move in and start pouring down rain in a matter of hours. Without stormwater management, this rain can flood our streets, homes, and businesses. That is why the UG's Water Pollution Control and Stormwater Management teams work hard to maintain 335 miles of stormwater pipes and nearly 13,000 storm drains, all of which carry that water to our rivers and streams. There are ways you can help! Check out these actions that can help prevent backups and overflows in your area.

Check storm drains near you

Trash left on the ground is often picked up by stormwater runoff and carried to storm drains that can then become blocked. If you see a drain in your area that is clogged with trash or other debris, clean it out and move it away from the drain if it is safe to do so. If it becomes too much to handle on your own, call the Stormwater Management team at (913) 573-5311, so they become aware of the problem.

Do not litter

Put all trash in a wastebasket, trash can, or dumpster. Do not dump trash or trash bags into storm drains, rivers, or streams. Additionally, picking up loose litter and trash found in our streets and yards can prevent that same garbage from clogging storm drains and making its way to our streams and rivers.

Check your lawn care routine

Leave grass clippings and leaves in place, do not put them down storm drains. If you must remove grass, leaves, branches, or garden clippings from your yard, you can drop them off at the Unified Government's Recycling and Yard Waste Center.

The Recycling and Yard Waste Center is located at 3241 Park Drive, Kansas City, KS 66102. The Center is open from 10 AM to 3 PM Thursday through Sunday, except on holidays, from March 31 to November 20, and every Saturday and Sunday, except on holidays, from December 3 to March 26, 2023.

The Center is closed April 15 to 17, November 11, December 24 & 25, December 31, and January 1, 2023.