

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE BY THE SP GREEN TEAM:

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PLEASE HELP KEEP THE STORM DRAINS CLEAR OF LEAVES

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We have been enjoying the Fall colors of the leaves but with the storms this past week the leaves are starting to drop at a rapid pace.

Please don't forget to remove leaves from storm drains while raking leaves from your property. Storm drains play an important role by removing water from our roadways. If water is not allowed to flow into storm drains it will start to pond over the roadways, creating a dangerous situation. Vehicles can hydroplane through the excessive water, and the operator can lose control of the vehicle and possibly cause an accident. Standing water also poses a problem when the temperature is below freezing as it creates ice and can easily cause a motor vehicle accident or a slip and fall accident. The excessive water can also back up onto your property and into your home.

Please be mindful of any storm drains near your home and adopt the nearest storm drain by keeping it clear of leaves, litter, snow and ice. Encourage your neighbors to do the same. Never put leaves, litter, snow or ice in the storm drains.

Keeping the storm drains clear should be done throughout the year not just during the Fall season.

The Yard Waste Site is open for Leaf Season (Oct. 21, 2019-Dec. 21, 2019), Tuesdays, 8:00am-6:00pm, Mondays-Fridays 8:00am-3:00pm and Saturdays 8:00am-4:00pm. Please click on the Borough's website at www.southplainfieldnj.com for additional information in the Public Works Department section.

If we all work together, we make our roads safer and environmentally friendlier.

From the South Plainfield Green Team!