

This is a catch basin

Catch basins collect rainwater that runs off roads, parking lots, and driveways.



Catch basins empty into waterways.

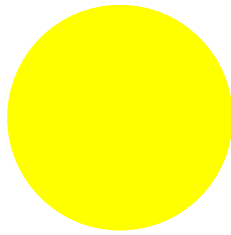
The rainwater collects litter, oil, gas, fertilizer, pesticides, and anything else that will float or dissolve. Sometimes people mistakenly dump paint, antifreeze, and other harmful chemicals directly into catch basins.

Pollution is a constant danger to waterways.

If everyone lets just a little fertilizer, a little car wash detergent, or a little motor oil run into a catch basin it all adds up to toxic levels.

You can help. Sign up today.

If your catch basin has not yet been marked, join with neighbours to paint this well known symbol on your streets.



Catch basins on your street now have yellow fish.



They are there to remind us that storm drains empty directly into nearby waterways. We need to keep harmful things out of catch basins.

The fish are painted by local residents and children who care about your local waterways. You can help too!

Dispose of household hazardous wastes correctly.

For information on local recycling and collection facilities, contact the BC Recycling Hotline at 604-732-9235 or visit northcowichan.ca/waste-wizard

This program has been adapted from the Fisheries and Oceans Canada Storm Drain Marking Program