



Fargo Drain Cleanup Information

one time or long-term cleanups



**Southeast Cass Water
Resource District**

INFORMATION FOR A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE CLEAN-UP

Waiver:

- The Group and each of its volunteer/participants acknowledges that they are participating in the clean-up without supervision from Southeast Cass Water Resource District, River Keepers, nor any of their partners. As a volunteer/participant, you agree to hold Southeast Cass Water Resource District and its partners harmless from any injuries or other claims that may arise from that participation.
- Group members should possess the following minimum qualifications:
 - Good physical condition
 - Mental alertness; good common sense
 - A sense of responsibility for safety of self and others

What to wear:

- Closed toed flat shoes or boots with ankle support.
- Long pants.
- Gloves – disposable or heavy leather gloves.

What to Bring/Not Bring:

- Every Group should possess an adequate first aid kit. Inform all Group members who is carrying the kit.
- A cell phone for each sub group. Provide leaders cell phone number to participants.
- Sunscreen and/or bug repellent.
- Water.
- Knives, machetes, axes, saws, etc. should not be carried by crew members.

Handling Trash:

- Be mindful of what you are picking up and do not pick up anything you cannot clearly see. It is recommended to use pickers to pick up trash. Volunteers should always wear gloves. If picking up trash with your hands, make sure you can see your fingers and palms of your hands.
- Do not attempt to compact (squeeze) trash sacks to gain room for more trash. Injuries from broken or jagged objects often result from this practice. Fill the sack with what goes in easily and then get another bag.
- Do not open any containers, including plastic water or soda bottles as they may contain hazardous material. Note location using as much detail as possible by taking a wide shot/zoomed out photo of the item.
- Do not attempt to remove known or suspected toxic/hazardous substances. Note location using as much detail as possible by taking a wide shot/zoomed out photo of the item.
- Do not enter the drain if there is water in it to pick up trash.
- Be aware of where you are walking and watch your footing, especially when close to the drain.

Outdoor Safety:

- Avoid Poison Ivy, Stinging Nettle and Wood Nettle. Recognizing these plants and avoiding them can help save hours of discomfort long after a successful and fun cleanup day.
- Be aware of vehicle and pedestrian traffic on the roadways, recreational paths and in the parks.
- Discontinue work in inclement weather, especially in times of reduced visibility, wet/icy roads, electrical storms, and during other than daylight conditions.
- Use the buddy system.
- Avoid overexertion. Drink plenty of water, especially on warm, humid days.
- Check for ticks after the cleanup

Homeless Camps:

- Leave alone but note location using as much detail as possible by taking a photo of the camp from a non-intrusive and safe distance. In addition, use a map app on your phone to screenshot a photo of your location. River Keepers works with partners to try and work with these folks to get them connected to much needed resources such as housing, healthcare etc.

To be prepared for an emergency:

- Every Group should have transportation immediately available.
- If possible, bring a cellular phone:
 - Emergency – 911

Documentation Example:

- Use these steps to better document hazardous items, large items, vandalism, graffiti or homeless camps. Return all information and pictures to River Keepers:



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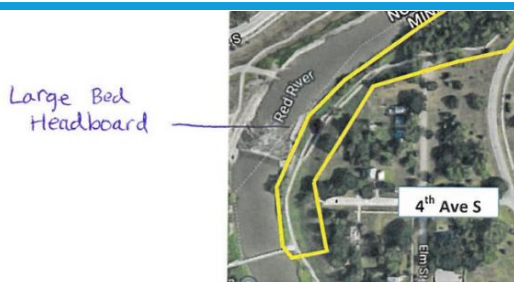
Take a wide, zoomed out, photo of the object. Try to get something recognizable in the background. In this photo, the midtown dam was included. This makes it easier for Public Works staff to find the item so it can be taken care of promptly or in the case of a homeless camp, to try and connect these individuals with services.



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Use your phone to take a zoomed-out screen shot of your location using a navigation app like Google Maps.

AND/OR



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Using a pen or marker, write on the cleanup map where the object is located by placing a dot on the map and labeling what the object is.

Zone Details

1st Ave N Bridge to Dike East Floating Bridge

Recommended Parking Address: Parking is avai

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CLEAN - A - DRAIN AGREEMENT

____ Adopt ____ One Time Group

This agreement is between Southeast Cass Water Resource District, 1201 Main Avenue, West Fargo North Dakota and _____, hereinafter called the Group, whose address is _____. All parties recognize the need and the desirability of a litter-free environment and enter into this agreement to allow the Group to volunteer its efforts in maintaining a litter-free environment.

Southeast Cass Water Resource District recognizes the Group as an organization that has agreed to clean-up the following area: _____.

By this agreement, the Group acknowledges receipt of the attached "Information for a Safe and Enjoyable Clean-up" and agrees to the following terms and conditions:

- The Group and Southeast Cass Water Resource District have agreed on the following time and date that the Group's clean-up activities will take place: _____.
- Participants of the Group should be 16 or older.
- The Group may obtain trash bags, pickers, and gloves from River Keepers upon request.
- The Group shall place the filled trash bags at designated sites for pick up by the Fargo Park District.
- Unused supplies provided by River Keepers shall be returned to River Keepers within one week following the clean-up.
- The Group's clean-up includes ONLY picking up man-made garbage. The clean-up does NOT include the following duties and the Group shall not perform any of these functions:
 - Tree trimming, planting and removal
 - Mowing or spring trimming
- The Group and its volunteers shall be considered as independent contractors and not as employees of Southeast Cass Water Resource District for any purpose, such as worker's compensation, medical insurance, nor any job benefits normally provided to Southeast Cass Water Resource District employees.
- The Group agrees to indemnify and hold Southeast Cass Water Resource District, River Keepers and its partners harmless from and against any and all claims of the Group or its volunteers, those participating in the clean-up for and on behalf of the Group, and third parties that maybe injured because of the actions of the Group, its volunteers or participants, all of which may result from or arise out of this agreement.
- The Group representatives shall provide a copy of the "Information for a Safe and Enjoyable Clean-up" and "Clean-a-Drain Agreement" attached to each and every volunteer/participant performing clean-up activities for the Group.

If, in the judgment of Southeast Cass Water Resource District, it is determined that the Group has failed to perform the clean-up in a manner acceptable to Southeast Cass Water Resource District or it otherwise did not follow the spirit and intent of this agreement, the Southeast Cass Water Resource District may terminate this agreement upon notice to the Group.

Melissa Hinkemeyer
Southeast Cass Water Resource District

Date

_____	_____
Group representative name (Print)	Group representative (Signature)

Date

_____	_____
Group representative email	Group representative phone number

FARGO DRAIN CLEANUP EVALUATION

Please answer the following questions and return within one week of the completion of your cleanup along with any extra supplies and any photos taken.

Date of cleanup: _____ Name of Group: _____

Name of the drain stretch: _____

How many people did you have in your group? _____

How much time did it take to clean your area? _____

Total Hours: _____ (# of volunteers x # of hours worked)

Where did you find the most garbage? _____

Number of bags of trash: _____ Number of bags of recycling: _____

About how many pounds of trash did you pick up? _____

Location of trash bags to be picked up (Or circle on the map the location of trash bags):

What types of debris did you recover? ☐ rubber ☐ glass ☐ aluminum ☐ plastic ☐ metal

☐ cigarette filters ☐ paper ☐ other: _____

Location and description hazardous materials: _____

Location and description of large objects: _____

Location and description graffiti or vandalism: _____

Location and description of homeless campsites found: _____

What interesting things did your group find? _____

Was the drop off points at good locations? YES or NO (circle one)

If NO why not? _____

Work that still needs to be completed: _____

Maintenance or security issues: _____

What did you enjoy about the cleanup? _____

Suggestions/comments: _____
