



Fargo Drain Cleanup Information

one time or long-term cleanups



**Southeast Cass Water
Resource District**



CLEAN - A - DRAIN AGREEMENT

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:

☐ Adopt ☐ One Time Group (Check one)

One Time Cleanup only:

- 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: _____.
- The Group agrees to complete the "Cleanup Evaluation" after the cleanup and email it to kimberly@riverkeepers.org so trash can be promptly picked up.

Adopt-A-Drain only:

- The group agrees:
 - To cleanup the park at least once in the spring and once in the fall, if conditions allow, for one year.
 - One the following time and date for the Group's first cleanup: _____.
 - Future cleanup dates will be emailed to kimberly@riverkeepers.org no less than two weeks in advance.
 - To notify River Keepers if the Group needs extra assistance.
 - To complete the "Cleanup Evaluation" after each cleanup and email it to kimberly@riverkeepers.org so garbage bags can be promptly picked up.

Do not perform:

- The Group's cleanup does NOT include the following duties:
 - Park or city planning
 - Tree trimming, planting, and removal
 - Spring trimming
 - Flower planting and bed maintenance
 - Mowing
 - Removal of utility flags, stakes or cones actively in use

Supplies:

- The Group may obtain trash bags and holders, pickers and gloves upon request. Contact River Keepers, kimberly@riverkeepers.org, 701-356-8915.
- Unused supplies provided by River Keepers shall be returned to River Keepers within one week following the clean-up.

What to bring/not bring:

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

What to wear:

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

Safety is a priority:

- 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.
- Participants of the Group should be 16 or older.
- Watch a cleanup safety video by scanning the QR code or going here:
<https://youtu.be/RErbcno5UP4>.
- Be aware of vehicle and pedestrian traffic on the roadways and recreational paths.
- 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.
- Avoid Poison Ivy, Stinging Nettles and Wood Nettles. Recognizing these plants and avoiding them can help save hours of discomfort long after a successful and fun cleanup day.
- Check for ticks after the cleanup.



Handling trash:

- The Group shall placed the filled trash bags at designated sites for pickup by the Fargo Park District or City of Fargo.
- It is recommended to use pickers to pick up trash and always wear gloves.
- Be mindful of what you are picking up and do not pick up anything you cannot clearly see as there could be hidden sharp or hazardous items. If picking up trash by hands, lift items slowly and carefully, keep them away from your body and watch for hidden sharp or hazardous objects.
- 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 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 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 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.

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. The Fargo Park District and River Keepers work 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:

- Every Group should have transportation immediately available.
- Contact:
 - Emergency – 911
 - River Keepers (701) 356-8915 with questions if the cleanup is organized with River Keepers
 - Fargo Park District after hours on call (701) 476-4088
 - Fargo Park District North Shop (701) 551-5891

Waiver:

- The Group and its volunteers shall be considered as independent contractors and not as employees of Southeast Cass Water Resource District, River Keepers, Fargo Park District, WM and its partners for any purpose, such as worker's compensation, medical insurance, nor any job benefits normally provided to Southeast Cass Water Resource District, River Keepers, Fargo Park District, and WM employees.
- The Group agrees to indemnify and hold Southeast Cass Water Resource District, River Keepers, Fargo Park District, WM 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 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, Fargo Park District, and WM nor any of their partners. As a volunteer/participant, you agree to hold Southeast Cass Water Resource District, River Keepers, Fargo Park District, and WM and its partners harmless from any injuries or other claims that may arise from that participation.
- The Group representatives shall provide a copy of the Cleanup Agreement to each 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.

Any additional work proposed by the Group and not outlined in this agreement must be reviewed and approved by the Park District Operations Manager.

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

Thank you for taking the time to answer the following questions and helping keep the city and river clean, your opinion is valuable and greatly appreciated! You can return the Evaluation Form and any pictures no later than one week after the completion of your cleanup directly to kimberly@riverkeepers.org. Leftover supplies can be dropped off at:

Kimberly Radebaugh
River Keepers
1120 28 Ave N Suite B
Fargo, ND 58102

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: _____

*To ensure Public Works staff can address hazardous items, large items, vandalism, graffiti or homeless camps, please provide as much detail as possible using one or more of the following:

- Take a wide, zoomed out photo of the object from a non-intrusive and safe distance.
- Use a phone to take a zoomed-out screen shot of your location using an app like Google Maps.
- Mark on the cleanup map and label what and where the object is.

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: _____

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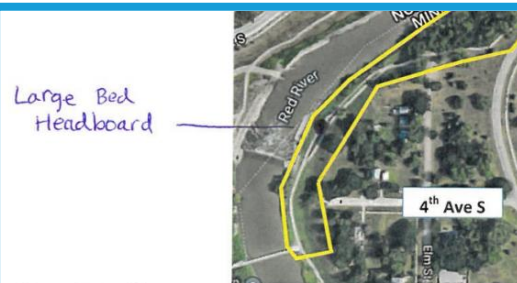
Take a wide, zoomed out, photo of the object. Try to get something recognizable in the background. In this photo, the midtown dam was included. This makes it easier for Public Works staff to find the item so it can be taken care of promptly or in the case of a homeless camp, to try and connect these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



2

Use your phone to take a zoomed-out screen shot of your location using a navigation app like Google Maps. Include recognizable locations like streets, the river, and buildings.

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