

## **What Residents Can do to Help in the Prevention of Flooding**

Residential cooperation is essential in the prevention of flooding throughout the village no matter which section of the village you live in. 1<sup>st</sup> and foremost is the preventative maintenance of the area around the culvert, catch basin and ditch on your property. The culvert is the tube that runs underneath your driveway that allows runoff to flow to the catch basin. If you don't have a ditch there will be a catch basin on or near your property. Not all residential properties have a catch basin. If your property does not have one it is very likely that your neighbors do depending on the engineering that was done in your area. These areas need to be kept clean of debris including; paper, leaves, branches, grass clippings and anything that would prevent the flow of water. No grating or chicken wire type material should be placed at the opening of a culvert as this will cause debris to build up and eventually block the flow of water. If your culvert should become blocked and you are unable to clear it please contact Public Works and they will clear it. If you see the catch basin is not draining please call Public Works. No residents should ever remove any catch basin or sewer cover. They are heavy and there is a risk of injury. Nothing should be inserted into a catch basin to attempt to clear it. Notify Public Works, they have the proper equipment and the knowledge to clear catch basins and culverts. As the year goes by we do different things in the maintenance of our property; cutting the grass, raking leaves, trimming trees or shrubs ect., when you are doing these things residents should never pile or rake grass, tree, shrub clippings or leaves into or around their ditch, culvert or catch basin. Make inspecting these vital areas a part of your regular property maintenance routine.

These small preventative measures by residents will go a long way in protecting not only their property, but the properties of their neighbors and the whole village.

If you see anyone raking or placing anything in a ditch please notify Public Works or the Building Department to have the property inspected..

Public Works can be reached at: 708-458-2961 or email: [dig@villageofjustice.org](mailto:dig@villageofjustice.org)

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