

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Annual catch basin cleaning program to begin April 22, 2025**

*Crews set to clean 10,000 catch basins in Nanaimo*

#### **Summary**

Beginning Tuesday, April 22, City of Nanaimo Public Works staff and contractors will be out cleaning the City's inventory of stormwater catch basins.

Starting in the Duke Point area, crews will work their way north through the various corridors of the city. This work involves large equipment and staff working on the road. Please approach with caution and obey traffic control personnel's directions. The annual catch basin cleaning program is expected to be complete by the end August.

*Strategic Link:* Maintaining and growing current services.

#### **Key Points**

- During the program, storm drain grates are pulled off and the catch basin is then cleaned out using a vacuum truck. An inspection is then conducted for any deficiencies. The material is then disposed of in an environmentally safe manner.
- Groess Environmental Services has been contracted to conduct the 2025 catch basin cleaning program with City of Nanaimo Public Works staff.
- Drivers, cyclists and pedestrians are asked to watch for crews and traffic control personnel on the roads and be aware of missing grates near the work zone.

#### **Quotes**

"Our annual catch basin cleaning program is key to protecting natural streams, lakes and ocean by reducing pollutants and ensuring proper stormwater drainage. It also allows our crews to inspect infrastructure and identify necessary repairs. We encourage residents to support this effort by keeping leaves and debris clear from catch basins and private drains, and to take care not to dump polluting substances into drains."

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