

# Canyon Drain Maintenance Information

With the rain events of spring on the way, it is important for landowners to ensure they are maintaining their portions of ditch safely and within the rules and regulations of the City, County, and State.

## Several local entities are partnering throughout the community to help mitigate and prepare for these events

Below are ways to ensure your portion of the ditch functions properly

1. Maintenance of the canyon ditch along private property is the responsibility of the property owner.
2. Landowners should regularly inspect their portion of the ditch, especially after a rain or snow event.
3. Landowners are not allowed to add fill (like yard waste or soil) but are - encouraged to remove debris and or garbage.
4. Fill removal or placement can only be completed with city/state/county permits and should involve consultation from an engineer to ensure compliance, safety, and flow requirements.

## Common maintenance problems include:

- ⇒ Overgrown vegetation
- ⇒ Debris and yard waste dumped into the ditch
- ⇒ Filling in or reducing the capacity of the watercourse
- ⇒ Installing permanent structures that restrict or alter the flow (i.e. fences, sheds, decks, walls)
- ⇒ Sediment and/or debris deposited from previous flood

Esta tarjeta contiene datos importantes sobre mantenimiento de drenaje de cañón. Drenes a lo largo de la propiedad son responsabilidad del terrateniente. No pones basura de la yarda o el suelo en este Canyon Drain. Si tienes preguntas, por favor, llama en contacto con los números en esta tarjeta. Si usted tiene una emergencia, llame al 911. Para obtener más información, llama en contacto con los números a la derecha: County (509) 667-6415; City (509) 888-3235; y para preguntas generales, con Distrito de Conservación de Cascadia en (509) 436-1601

Private properties must notify the following agencies **prior to work** on the canyon drains, even during an emergency:

- Department of Fish & Wildlife:  
Amanda Barg (509) 429-9285  
Region 2 Office at (509) 764-4624
- Army Corps of Engineers:  
Jacalen Printz (206) 764-6901
- Chelan County landowners non-emergency assistance:  
Chelan County Public Works (509) 667-6415
- For City landowners who need non-emergency assistance: City of Wenatchee Public Works (509) 888-3235
- For general questions, contact Cascadia Conservation District (509) 436-1601

### After-Hours Emergency Contacts:

- During a storm event, **do not enter swift, running water**. If you need emergency assistance, please call **911** or contact Chelan County Emergency Management at (509) 667-6863
- If you need sand bags, call Chelan County Emergency Management at 667-6863.

# Cascadia Conservation District

*Your local natural resource partner since 1948*

The Cascadia Conservation District is a non-regulatory, grant-funded organization dedicated to encouraging the wise stewardship and conservation of all natural resources in Chelan County.

Our board and staff members work cooperatively with local landowners and communities to provide technical and financial assistance for soil, water, forest, fish and wildlife conservation efforts. We currently serve all of Chelan County.

Explore our website to learn more about what programs we are involved in and how we are working with local landowners, agencies, non-profits and other stakeholders to develop and implement conservation projects in Chelan County that benefit both people and the environment.

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## **Avoid Flooding, Clean Your Canyon Drains!**

We encourage residents with canyon drains on their properties to make sure drains are free of debris to avoid flooding.



The City of Wenatchee has three seasonal watercourses that drain the canyons into the City of Wenatchee's urban area. These natural drainages are called No. 1 Canyon Drain, No. 2 Canyon Drain and Dry Gulch. They allow rainwater and snowmelt to drain to the Columbia River. Debris in the canyons block watercourses, acting as dams. During major storm events these dams burst, causing dangerous flash floods.