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SPRINGFIELD, OH— (September 9, 2016)—The City of Springfield is constantly working on projects that improve the quality of life for community members. This week, the City's Service Department is performing maintenance on city street storm drains, commonly referred to as catch basins.

The Service Department performs regularly scheduled maintenance on storm drains to allow for proper drainage and help prevent flooding in the city's streets during periods of rain. This maintenance includes structural repairs and the removal of debris, snow and ice. Occasionally, crews are asked to retrieve lost items that have found their way into the drain, such as keys or phones.

It is important to regularly remove debris from storm drains, as they often become clogged with litter, leaves and grass clippings, which can lead to flooding in the street. Furthermore, when debris enters the sewer system, it can cause sewage backups and alter the chemistry at the wastewater treatment plant.

Some storm drains run directly to local streams and do not flow to the city's wastewater plant for treatment; therefore, it is important to prevent materials such as oils, grease, paint or solids of any kind from entering the drainage system.

Residents are asked not to place anything into storm drains, including lawn debris. To report illegal dumping into city drains or sewers, please contact Sky Schelle, Stormwater Coordinator, at 937-324-7739.

For more information on the Springfield Service Department, please visit www.springfieldohio.gov.