



DRAINAGE SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

The Borough of Stone Harbor Department of Public Works maintains the surface water drainage system by regular cleaning of the catch basins in the corners of all intersections to avoid street flooding. If you observe a catch basin that does not appear to drain properly you should report the location to the Department of Public Works at (609)36-7311. This entire system carries untreated storm water directly to the bay and ocean, and any pollutants such as motor oil, paint, fertilizer and pesticides can contaminate thousands of gallons of water. In addition, the Borough has ordinances prohibiting sweeping of debris or litter into gutters and/or surface water storm drains. These ordinances also apply to all owners and tenants and help to avoid clogged drains. During the past few years, the Borough of Stone Harbor has removed outfall pipes from the beachfront and rerouted storm water pipes to the back bays. This process has successfully upgraded the storm water infrastructure in several locations within our town. Tidal check valves have been installed on 70 storm water outfall pipes along the Bayfront to prevent water backing up into the drainage systems causing street flooding.