



HOW CAN I HELP?

The challenges of stormwater and flood risks plague each citizen of East Baton Rouge (EBR) Parish. While there are several efforts underway to reduce these flood risks, each resident has a part to play and here are some ways that you can assist in the process.



Litter, Leaves, Grass, Oh My!

Litter poses a significant problem for our stormwater management systems. Litter is not just trash, but it can be appliances, furniture, leaves, and/or grass clippings. The average household in EBR produces approximately 2,000 pounds of yard waste a year.

When trash is not properly discarded and left in yards and on roadways, it flows into the drainage system during a rain event. When large amounts of trash build up, it reduces and/or blocks stormwater from flowing through the system. This causes back flow into the streets and may cause channels to overflow. Anything that flows into the system that is not water can lead to problems.



Here's How You Can Help?

- Discard of trash in the proper places.
- Bag your leaves and grass clippings. Do not blow them into the street or drainage system. Read about [Yard Smart](#) for more details.
- Dispose of your bulky items appropriately! Stoves, washers, refrigerators and other large appliances and up to 4 automobile tires, are collected once a week during routine garbage collection. Make sure your items are placed correctly on the curb. See here for [Collection times](#).

The Correct Curbside Set Out





Old tires can also be disposed, for a disposal fee, at your local tire store or at Environmental Industries Recycling, Inc., 7122 Hwy 190 W, Port Allen, Louisiana 70767. [More about tire disposal in EBR](#). You can report illegally dumped tires to the Single Point of Contact (SPOC) Hotline at (225) 219-3640.

Larger items that are not picked up during your weekly collection can also be dropped off at EBR Parish North Landfill, 16001 Samuels Road, Zachary, LA 70791. More information on [drop-off times and contact information](#).

RAIN BARRELS, FRENCH DRAINS, GUTTERS

There are several ways you can manage stormwater around your home



1 French Drains

French drain systems are effective because, unlike typical surface drains, they collect water over the entire length of the drain as opposed to one dedicated area.

2 Gutters

House gutters work by diverting stormwater away from the house and your foundation. When they outlet onto pervious (earthen) surfaces, they capture and slow the rain from entering the drainage system at a rapid pace.

3 Rain Barrels

Rain barrels capture and store the rain that can be used later and/or slowly released over time. This helps the water from overwhelming the capacity of the system.

FLOOD INSURANCE

Flood insurance is protection for specific flood events for home or business. With increased flood-risk throughout Louisiana, Louisiana residents should strongly consider purchasing flood insurance, which can be purchased through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), private insurers and surplus lines insurers. Learn more about [flood insurance](#).



GET THE WORD OUT

Be an advocate for change! Learn all about your watershed and how water flows through it. The first step is understanding where the challenges are located and the efforts underway to develop potential solutions. Visit our [website](#), attend [public meetings](#) and [contact](#) the Stormwater Master Plan Engagement Team.

For more information on projects in your area, visit stormwater.brla.gov.



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