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## Drainage Division **Do's & Don'ts**

There has been a dramatic increase in rainfall during recent years. For instance, March of 2018, 142.1mm of rainfall was recorded making it the 'wettest recorded March' in our history. Occurrences like these make it even more important to keep the water courses and drains clean.

To help us effectively do our part, here are some Drainage Do's and Don'ts.



*"Let's Work Together to Prevent Flooding Today for a Sustainable tomorrow"*



# Drainage DIVISION DO'S & Don'ts

## Households Do's

- Do make sure your garbage goes in the proper place.
- Do check that your latrine or cesspit is not on the edge of, or draining into a river or drain.
- Do be careful when building or extending your house to prevent sand, earth and silt from washing into the drain.
- Do plant trees and shrubs to keep a "green scene".
- Do inform the authorities if there is a blockage of a drain near you.
- Do be a good example to your children.
- Do assist with neighbourhood clean-up activities. Remember, it really is true that 'many hands make light work'.

## Households Dont's

- Do Not throw garbage and garden clippings in the drain.
- Do Not ignore things which might block the drain. At least phone the sanitation workers to clear them away, or organize a group from the neighbourhood to clear them.
- Do Not light rubbish fires in the dry season which could get away, creating more debris to fall into the drain.
- Do Not scrape off all the vegetation when you prepare land for building.

## Farmers Do's

- Do prevent waste from getting into drains.
- Do build animal pens away from drains and use a cesspit and soakaway for the sludge from pens.
- Do leave a protective filter strip of land with some trees and bush between your field and the river or drain.
- Do use all precautions when clearing your land so that debris does not fall into the drain.

## Farmers Dont's

- Do Not allow animal waste to flow into drains and rivers

## Industry Do's

- Do respect the water courses and drains and the people who work in them.
- Do make sure the garbage and waste leaving your compound are taken to the landfill and not just tipped into the nearest drain.
- Do make sure that any effluent reaching the drain is clean and contains no toxic or solid material.
- Do give assistance to neighbourhood clean-up activities.

## School Do's

- Do teach students about the proper use of drains.
- Do hold competitions in art or storytelling to highlight drainage and littering problems to raise awareness.
- Do organize periodic clean-up activities for older students and invite parents, community members, local corporations and businesses to take part

## School Dont's

- Do Not set a bad example for students by allowing janitorial staff to dump garbage in the drains

## Community Groups and Leaders Do's

- Do take care not to do anything which blocks or clogs the drains.
- Do organize major community wide clean-up activities. Just before the rainy season starts is a prime time to initiate these projects to remove furniture, appliances and large items along with day to day garbage.
- Do encourage clean-up crews to ask for help from the Ministry of Works and Transport, their Regional Corporation and neighbouring businesses to provide transport and other equipment to assist in major clean-up ventures.
- Do talk to members of the community who are guilty of littering and polluting drains and rivers and educate them on proper waste disposal methods.
- Do let people know how to arrange their heavy household garbage (mattresses, furniture, appliances etc.) for collection.
- Do publicise and discuss the issues related to drainage and flooding.
- Do use approved design standards for drain construction.
- Do notify the Drainage Maintenance Supervisor if garbage has been dumped next to a drain.

