



## RAINY SEASON HAS ARRIVED

### *Keep Stormwater Drains Free of Debris*

With the excessive, heavy and often persistent rainfall last week, Weston experienced localized flooding in areas throughout the City, including swales and low-lying roadways.



Swales hold water during and immediately after a storm, but with continual rain it will take the water longer to drain. Weston's water bodies and canals were also designed to hold and move stormwater; however, heavy rain storms in a short span of time can cause temporary street flooding and elevated lake levels as the intricate drainage system handles the increased capacity of water. Watch [Prevent Street Flooding](#).

Local flooding will more likely occur when catch basin, or storm drain, is clogged. A catch basin is designed to trap debris, such as leaves, palm fronds, litter, etc. so that it cannot enter the drainage pipes. Unobstructed water flow through these drains, especially during heavy rain, is essential to prevent flooding.

### Keep Catch Basins Clear

Know where the nearest catch basin is to your home or business and check it frequently to keep it free of debris, especially after it



rains. It is recommended to keep your property free of loose items like leaves, branches, and palm fronds which will clog drains, especially during the rainy season.

### Elevated Lake Levels

Lake levels will be higher than normal as the lakes receive rainwater runoff for which they were designed. An intricate system of stormwater pump stations operate to move the water through the South Florida Water Management distribution system. Higher than usual lake levels will gradually return to normal as rains subside and the water moves through the system. During heavy rains, City crews operate pumping systems at the maximum allowable levels.

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