

Catch Basin Clearing Guide

Stay Safe Around Traffic:

- Be sure to wear your high-visibility gear, including the yellow safety vest from your kit, so everyone can see you and keep you safe!
- Perform all catch-basin clearings from the sidewalk and stay out of the roadway.

Handling Hazardous Stuff:

- Keep your hands clean and safe! Use the gloves, rake, and trash grabber in your kit to handle anything that might be tricky.

Sharp Things and Messy Debris:

- Grab your tools to move debris around—no need to use your hands for sharp objects!

Discarding Trash and Debris:

- As of April 1, 2025, New York City residents must separate leaf and yard waste from regular trash and put them in compost bins. People who don't follow the rules may be fined.

Weather Watch:

- Take a peek at the weather before you get started and plan ahead.
- Dress appropriate for the weather, and don't forget to sip on some water to stay hydrated.
- Put on those shoes with good grip so you can keep your footing steady.