ADOPT A STORM DRAIN

2025 Lower Mississippi River Annual Report

We're Making a Difference!

94	122	484	716
participants 2025	drains adopted 2025	participants TOTAL	drains adopted TOTAL

Drain Cleaning & Collection Data

114, or 23.6%, of Lower Mississippi River participants, reported cleaning 170 drains in 2025.

Lower Mississippi River participants collected 2,487.1 lbs of debris from their adopted storm drains in 2025.

Debris Type	Amount (lbs)
Brown Leaves	1,429.3
Grass and Green Leaves	195.5
Sediment and dirt	782.0
Trash	80.4
Pet Waste	0.0
Recyclables	0.0
Salt	0.0

Month	New Participants	Drains Adopted	Debris collected (lbs)	Time spent (hrs)
January	1	1	804.3	16.5
February	0	0	26.5	1.0
March	1	4	6.9	1.1
April	7	11	204.7	3.9
May	4	4	201.1	4.0
June	0	4	86.5	4.4
July	2	3	32.6	0.8
August	22	26	34.8	2.0
September	2	9	26.2	1.7
October	38	42	110.0	5.6
November	17	18	874.9	27.6
December	0	0	78.5	12.3
TOTALS	**94**	**122**	**2,487.1**	**80.9**

Participant Types

Participant type	Number of participants in 2025	Total number of participants	Percent of participants in 2025	Percent of total participants
Individual	82	461	87.2%	95.2%
School or Classroom	9	14	9.6%	2.9%
Community Organization	3	5	3.2%	1.0%
Business	0	4	0.0%	0.8%

How Participants heard about Adopt-a-Drain

Referral Type	Number of participants in 2025	Number of participants total	Percent of participants in 2025	Percent of total participants
Family's teacher or school	41	44	43.6%	9.1%
Other	31	88	33.0%	18.2%
My city or watershed district	9	48	9.6%	9.9%
Friend, family or neighbor	4	28	4.3%	5.8%
Social media (Facebook, Next Door)	3	17	3.2%	3.5%
Community Meeting or Event	2	2	2.1%	0.4%
News outlet	0	7	0.0%	1.4%
Door hanger or flyer	0	4	0.0%	0.8%

In addition, 22 participants from Andover signed up at the 2025 MN State Fair Adopt-a-Drain exhibit.

Subwatersheds

2025 Data

Sub-watershed	Drains adopted	Drains cleaned	Debris collected (lbs)	Time spent (hours)
City of St. Paul-Mississippi River	69	121	2,333.7	65.4
Lock and Dam No 2-Mississippi River	48	38	117.0	8.9
Rich Valley / Vermillion River	5	7	32.4	6.0
Gun Club Lake / Minnesota River	0	2	4.0	0.4
Lake Augusta (Mendota Heights)	0	2	0.0	0.2

Cities

2025 Data

City	Drains adopted	Drains cleaned	Debris collected (lbs)	Time spent (hours)
South St. Paul	54	38	112.8	7.6
Inver Grove Heights	24	24	90.2	10.4
West St. Paul	22	42	451.8	12.2
St. Paul	12	27	341.2	17.7
Mendota Heights	8	39	1,491.1	33.0
Lilydale	2	0	0.0	0.0

MINNESOTA STATE SUMMARY

1,955 participants 2025

4,001 drains adopted 2025

15,545 participants TOTAL

28,064 drains adopted TOTAL

3,705, or 23.8%, of Minnesota participants, reported cleaning 6,852 drains in 2025.

Minnesota participants collected 127,321.9 lbs of debris from their adopted storm drains in 2025.

Debris Type	Amount (lbs)
Brown Leaves	67,620.0
Grass and Green Leaves	8,191.7
Sediment and dirt	40,017.0
Trash	11,173.0
Pet Waste	49.0
Recyclables	0.0
Salt	271.2

Month	New Participants	Drains Adopted	Debris collected (lbs)	Time spent (hrs)	
January	62	203	20,113.2	708.1	1,073.0
February	30	66	2,142.2	86.3	427.0
March	90	247	6,338.0	243.1	834.0
April	213	445	8,374.8	212.1	1,094.0
May	139	320	14,939.6	356.4	1,201.0
June	108	305	13,918.1	230.4	1,092.0
July	142	395	5,165.5	171.6	1,124.0
August	724	938	5,928.3	193.5	1,102.0
September	161	409	5,667.4	153.9	991.0
October	185	379	8,001.0	231.7	1,133.0
November	72	190	25,420.7	642.5	1,942.0
December	29	104	11,313.1	409.6	794.0
TOTALS	**1,955**	**4,001**	**127,321.9**	**3,639.2**	**6,852.0**

2025 NATIONAL ADOPT-A-DRAIN SUMMARY

3,419 New participants 2025

6,412 New drains adopted 2025

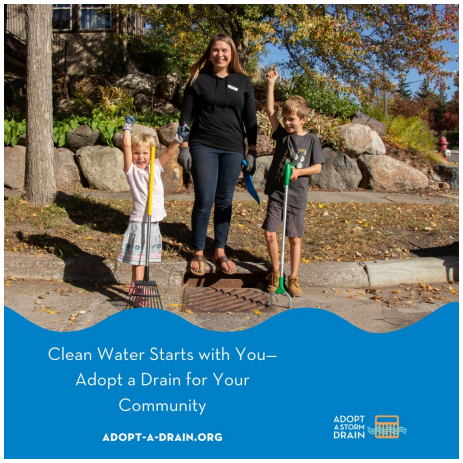
19,731 Total participants

34,993 Total drains adopted

5,70 Adopt-a-Drain participants reported cleaning 9,194 drains in 2025. They reported 101,841 cleanings, collecting 164,125 lbs of debris from their adopted storm drains, and spending a combined total of 5,273 hours keeping their drains clear.

In November, we celebrated the removal of over **1,000,000 lbs** of debris by Adopt-a-Drain participants.

Debris Type	Amount (lbs)
Brown Leaves	87,571.1
Grass and Green Leaves	10,122.8
Sediment and dirt	53,060.7
Trash	12,898.6
Pet Waste	57.1
Recyclables	115.0
Salt	299.9



We ran two national outreach campaigns this year: An Earth Day campaign in April and a Stormwater Awareness campaign in September.