

Most commercial landowners are unaware of their responsibility to maintain the stormwater sumps on their property.

One thing that landowners can do that would have a considerable positive effect on reducing the ongoing contamination of the Waiwhetu stream is to regularly **clear any stormwater drainage sumps** in yards and driveways within your property.

Cleaning sumps as 'one off' would be great, but the problem with that is that people easily forget such ongoing maintenance issues. Instead, HCC and Capacity Infrastructure urge you to set **up a regular sump clearance schedule** with a contractor equipped to do the job.

One locally based business has offered to 'sign up' any willing participants in the Waiwhetu catchment for a particularly competitive rate. **InterGroup will visit your premises and clean your storm-water sumps twice yearly on an ongoing basis, for the price of \$ 65 per sump / per clean** (this is *less than half* the 'one-off' rate you can expect to pay for this service.)

To accept this offer, simply forward this email to Ash at Ashley.Ansell@intergroup.co.nz. - Ash will then contact you for your companies details, and You will then be visited twice yearly by the sump clearing truck, and invoiced after each visit. Painless - and Simple!

Cleaning your sumps regularly has the following benefits:

Benefits To the Waiwhetu stream

- a regularly cleared sump greatly reduces the bulk of solid material washing onto the stream from your drain premises with rainwater run-off. Less "crud" in your drainage sump means a cleaner stream.
- metal particulates (from roofs or from nearby metal based industries) find their way to your sump, sit there and slowly dissolve into water which drains to the stream at each rainfall; Regular clearances remove those metal particulates before they can damage the stream. Less toxic metal poisoning means a healthier stream.

Benefits to you

- regularly cleared sumps greatly reduce the chance of your stormwater drains blocking.
 - Those blockages can cause flooding in high rainfall - causing harmful flooding of the entire Waiwhetu stream catchment
 - Blocked drains can be much more expensive and difficult to clear

I attach a flyer we had made to support this stormwater education program - I would be grateful if you could print this out and post it on a notice board in your workplace, to remind all your staff to do what they can to keep the Waiwhetu stream clean (and your premises flood-free!).

Thank you again very much for your attention, and please join with us to help keep the Waiwhetu Stream pristine

Kind Regards,

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