

# The trash trail

Rainwater that goes into the city's storm drain system picks up garbage, pet waste, sediments, metal, oil, grease, yard debris, fertilizer and harmful chemicals on its way. The trash travels through the system and eventually is washed out into the bay and rivers.

## The start of the trash trail

Storm water inlet

1 Trash, grass clippings, hazardous waste and oil runs into storm water drainage inlets when it rains.

2 It travels through the system.

3 And flows into Corpus Christi Bay and rivers.

Typical storm drain outfall

## CITY'S STORM DRAIN SYSTEM







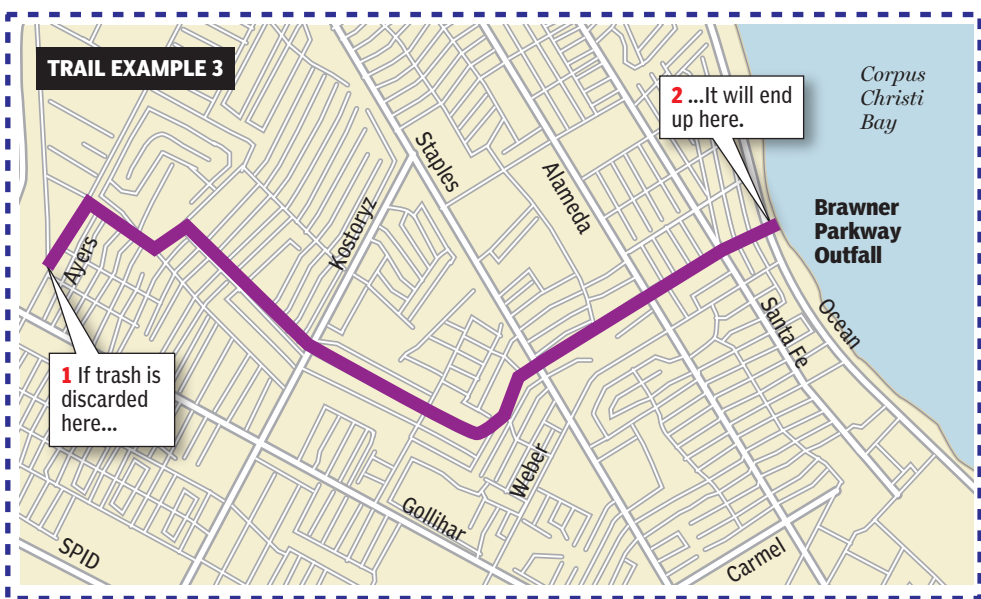
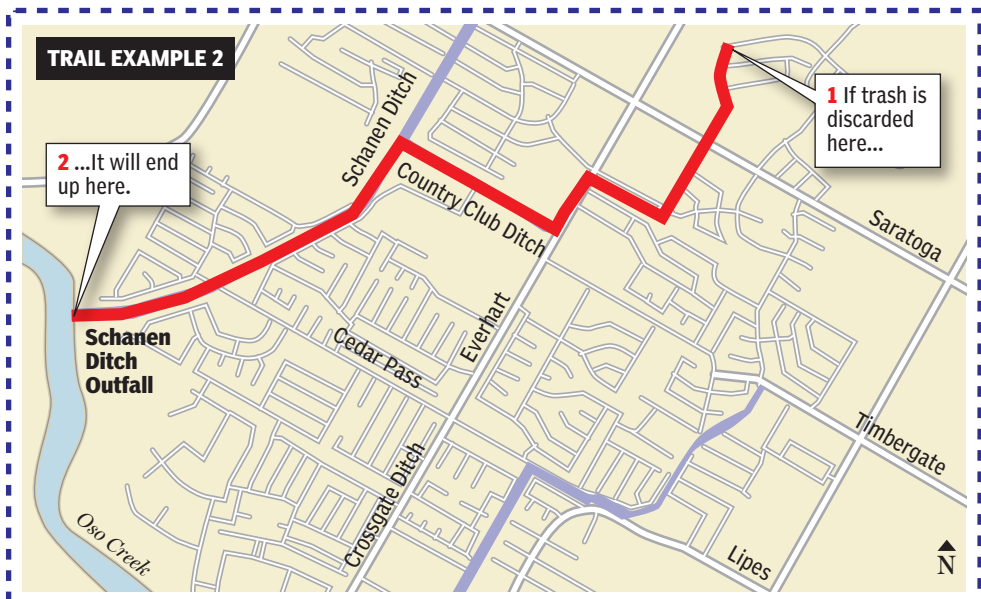
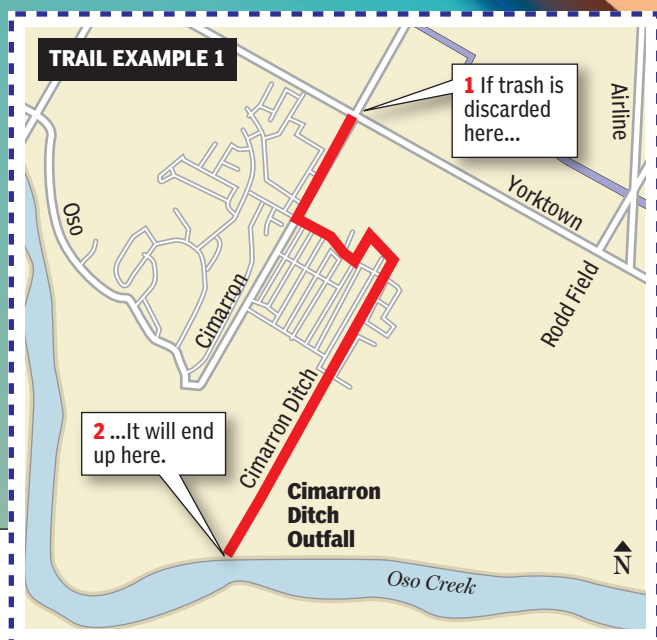
-  Major ditch
-  Natural drainage
-  Collector, concrete lines or pilot ditch
-  Underground ditch
-  Storm drain basin
-  Storm drain outfall



Photo taken at West Point/Columbia Drainage Ditch



## KEEPING STORM DRAINS CLEAN



City vacuum truck is used to cleanup storm water inlets.

### DID YOU KNOW...

- Discarding trash that weighs more than five pounds is considered illegal dumping.
- Litter is trash that is not disposed of properly in a trash can.
- Trash that flies out of a car window or truck bed, even accidentally, is still litter.
- Tobacco trash is the most common form of litter.
- Tire debris is the second largest component of litter in Texas.
- Littering and illegal dumping can take place on roadways, land, and water.

If you see littering or illegal dumping, report it. **City's Hotline: 826-CITY (2489) (24 hours a day)**

### Penalties

Illegal dumping could be a State Jail Felony (Up to 2 year jail term and up to \$10,000 fine), or Class A misdemeanor (1 year jail term and up to \$4,000 fine).

City officials also have the authority to issue citations up to \$2,000 per violation.

### Litter Critter Program

The Litter Critter Program provides a large brush collection truck for no additional charge. To qualify for this program, two or more neighbors must sign up in order to have a truck delivered to your neighborhood to dispose of brush and small household items. For more information: call 361-826-2489

### WHAT YOU CAN DO

#### Yard

- Leave grass clippings on the lawn after mowing or compost the along with leaves and other yard debris
- Do not blow leaves into streets and gutters. Sweep or rake leaves, bag them, and place them in the garbage.
- Avoid excessive and improper application of fertilizers and pesticides.
- Pick up after your pet by flushing, burying or wrapping pet waste and depositing it in the garbage. Bacteria from animal waste can be washed into the storm drain and pollute water.

#### Automotive

- Wash your car on the lawn.
- Make sure your car is not leaking oil or other fluids. If a leak cannot be repaired, use a drip tray.
- After changing your car's oil or antifreeze, put fluid in leak-proof containers and dispose of them properly. Household Hazardous Waste Collection is offered daily at the J.C. Elliott Collection Center, free of charge to Corpus Christi residents.

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