

# RETAIN THE RAIN

## STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PILOT PROGRAM

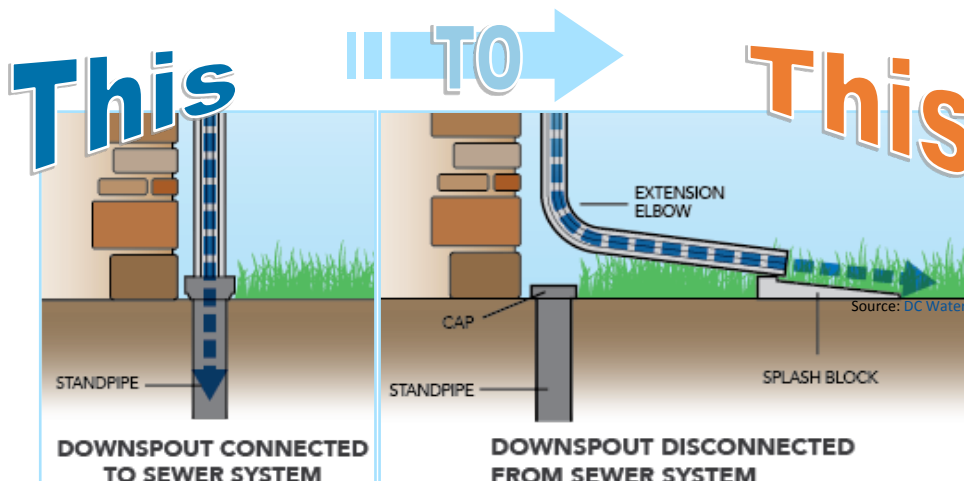


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*How would you like to save money on water costs and help the environment at the same time?*

A great way to do this is to disconnect your downspout! The City of Hartford is giving out **FREE** downspout disconnection kits so you can go from...



## Benefits For You!



Downspout disconnection, in combination with rain gardens, has already been implemented at Keney Park and in the West End and Blue Hills neighborhoods.

At the Keney Park House, the Keney Park Sustainability Project (KPSP) teamed up with the Long Island Sound Study and the Farmington River Watershed Association to disconnect the building's downspouts.

Now KPSP benefits from free water for the lawn and gardens, a dry basement, and reduced erosion.



Photos Courtesy of [Keney Park Sustainability Project](#)

## Free Kit for Participants!

You may qualify for a **FREE** downspout disconnection kit if you:

- ☐ Own a home in the Northeast, Upper Albany, or Clay Arsenal neighborhoods
- ☐ Have a connected downspout (see diagram above)
- ☐ Have a roof at least as large as your lawn
- ☐ Have a lawn that slopes away from your home

If you checked all four boxes, request a kit online at [hartfordclimate.org/contact](http://hartfordclimate.org/contact) or by phone at 860-757-9739.

## Did You Know?

**1/2 BILLION GALLONS** of sewage/stormwater mix are discharged into our rivers every year. Help prevent sewage overflows and backups by capturing or diverting rain to your lawn and gardens.



# Disconnecting Your Downspout

Disconnecting your downspout is an easy process. The City of Hartford can help by providing you with a free disconnection kit, if you are eligible! This kit includes:

- Splash block
- Cap and Hose Clamp
- Flexible Downspout Extension



Source: [Home Depot](#)

## INSTALLATION TIME

**30**  
minutes

## COST OF MATERIALS

**\$25**  
(or FREE for eligible homes)

## Tools and Materials\*



Source: [District Department of the Environment](#)

\*Items shown above not included in the free kit.



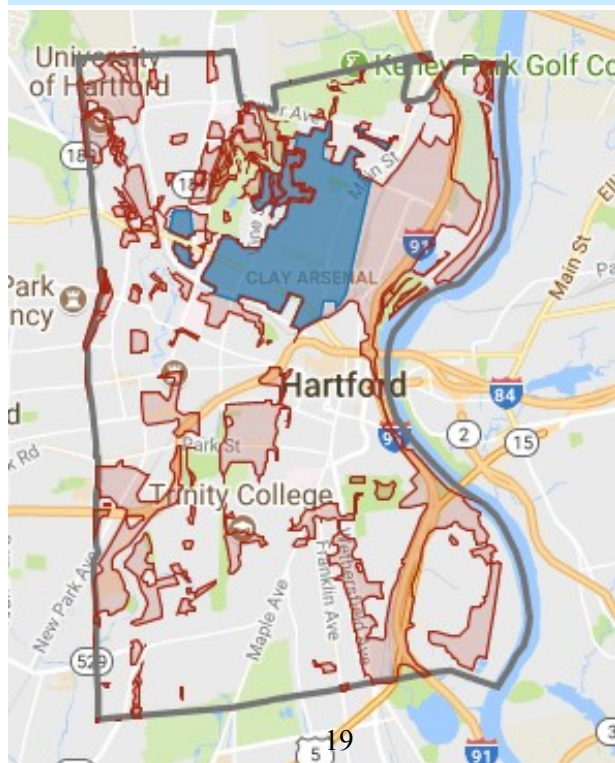
Want to see if you live in the program target area? Check out our online map for a closer look. Visit [hartfordclimate.org/retaintherain](http://hartfordclimate.org/retaintherain)

## Contact Information

Email the Office of Sustainability through our website ([hartfordclimate.org/contact](http://hartfordclimate.org/contact)) or call 860-757-9739 for more information.

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## Target Area Map



## INSTALLATION PROCESS

### Measure



### Cut



### Cap



### Attach



### Screw



### Place



Source: [District Department of the Environment](#)