

What is a Catch Basin?

Catch basins are one of the first lines of defense against urban flooding. **Catch basins** are designed to collect excess rainwater and snowmelt from roadways or other hard surfaces, which helps to reduce flooding, protect infrastructure, and direct runoff into the City's storm drainage system.

Chances are, you have seen them all around town! Typically, **catch basins** are located along curbs or in parking lots, and sit beneath a heavy metal grate that keeps larger debris out while allowing runoff to enter the storm system. Our City crews perform regular maintenance, including cleaning and inspecting, on **catch basins** to keep the system functioning properly.

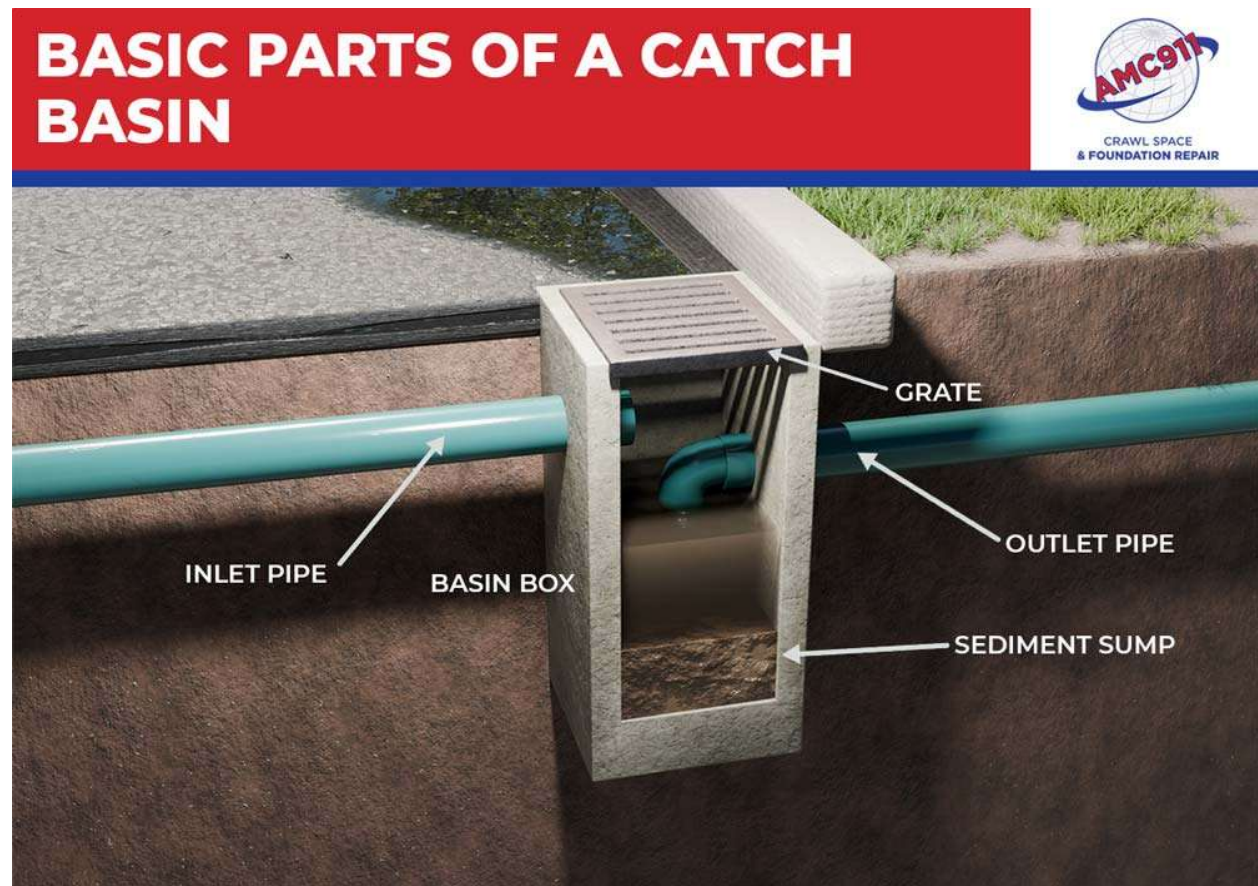


Figure 1 – AMC911, 2025, Basic Parts of a Catch Basin, diagram, from <https://amc911.com/what-is-catch-basin/>