Keep It Going

Chalk it up to human nature: the most common cause of drainage problems is inadequate system maintenance. So inspect all drainage structures around your house and remove any debris regularly. Hard-to-get drains and inlets are often ignored during maintenance, so make sure that all parts of your home drainage system have cleanouts that are ample and accessible.



Roof gutters should be cleaned at least twice a year. If trees overhang your home or are close enough for leaves, needles and branches to be blown onto your roof, then gutters should be cleaned more often—especially in the fall. Remember, it's much easier to remove debris from gutters than it is to clean underground pipes.

If you're still unclear about what to do about rainwater on your property, then phone the City of Redmond's Public Works

Department at 425-556-2825 or email nr@redmond.gov, or write to MS: 2NPW, P.O. Box 97010, Redmond, WA 98073.

Working with your map and any other information that you can supply, the Department's stormwater engineers may be able to give you ideas to help you identify the best solutions to your particular home drainage problem.

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