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A DRAIN ON OUR RESOURCES

Millions spent to clean up rubbish which cause clogging

KUALA LUMPUR: Millions of ringgit go down the drain every year to clean up the waterways that are choked with rubbish. Clogged drains have been identified as one of the major factors causing frequent flash floods in urban areas.

Government sources said more than **RM 40mil of taxpayers' money was spent annually to clean up monsoon drains nationwide.** That amount could have been **better spent on other benefiting societal projects.**

People throw everything into the drain, literally right down from the kitchen sink. DID (Drainage & Irrigation Department), Dato' Zainor Rahim said, **tissue paper and cigarette butts were commonly found in drains,** people sometimes even throw mattresses into large monsoon drain.

"A simple act of throwing rubbish in a designated area as well as recycling can make a huge difference in preventing clogged drains, eventually floods," Dato' Zainor Rahim said.

Sultan of Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah said public must play their part by NOT throwing rubbish into the drains.

Terengganu DID said more than RM2mil was spent in cleaning drains in six district.

"We discovered strange items during our maintenance such as furnitures, pillows and even kitchen sink. We can expect almost anything down there."

Petaling Jaya City Council said about RM1mil was spent in cleaning up drains as well as repairing broken ones last year.

"People must change their habits. If not, no matter how much cleaning up we do, the problem will continue."

DOE Standard B:

- * COD = 200 mg/l
- * BOD = 50 mg/l
- * Zinc = 2 mg/l
- * O&G = 10 mg/l
- * pH = 5.5 - 9.0
- * TSS = 100 mg/l

Environmental Fact:

Flash floods are floods that happen very suddenly with little warning & very dangerous. A very heavy rain or an accident like a dam break or problem with the drainage system can cause one. Sometimes the ground is too hard or too wet to soak up water causing the rain water to go downstream. Sometimes a place can get hit by a flash flood even if it's sunny because it might be raining on higher ground somewhere.



Lets Not only keep inside of our home/factory clean but also around our home/factory. Do you know our Monsoon Drain along Jalan Teratai was once a river?

Last 3 DOE Visits:

F5 on 21/3/2012

F19/20 on 27/2/2012

F16L on 31/01/2012

" 100 % Environmental Compliance To DOE Industrial Effluent Standard B"

"If fail, subject to Max Fine of RM 100,000 and Max Imprisonment of 5 years or Both "