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**WORDS USED IN THIS MANUAL****A****Algae**

Tiny, plant-like organisms which grow on wet surfaces and often cause a scum on the water.

**Aquifer**

Natural underground lake or store of water.

**B****Bacteria**

Germs that cause disease.

**C****Clean-up activities**

Everyone getting together to clean up the neighbourhood.

**Community**

People who interact as a group.

**Condensation**

Vapour or steam changing to liquid.

**Contaminate**

Pollute or infect.

**Convictional rain**

Local showers caused by heat.

**Culvert**

Drain under or beside a road.

# D

## Debris

Rubbish, wreckage.

## Diameter

A measurement across the middle of a circle.

## Drought

Shortage of water.

# E

## Erosion

Wearing away of the land.

## Evaporation

Liquid being warmed and changing to steam or vapour.

# F

## Famol

Flat-bed trailer for transporting or removing materials from a site.

# G

## Gabion basket

A wire mesh basket filled with rocks, used to strengthen walls and river banks.

# H

## Hurricane

The most severe weather system in our region with wind speeds over 74 mph.

**I****Inter-tropical Convergence Zone**

Band of low pressure which brings seasonal rain.

**M****Maintenance**

Looking after, keeping things in order.

**Manual**

Guidebook.

**P****Pathogens**

Microorganisms causing disease.

**Precipitation**

Rain.

**Prefabricated**

Ready-made.

**Primary drains**

Large main drains, often rivers.

**R****Receiving water**

Large bodies of water, usually the sea.

**S****Secondary drains**

Drains to take away excess water from rural and urban areas.

**S****Sluice gate**

A gate to regulate water flow.

**Swamp**

Marshland.

**T****T-shaped boning rod**

Measuring aid for determining level of drains and excavations.

**Transpiration**

Loss of water from leaves of plants.

**Tropical Wave**

Large cloud mass coming off the African coast.

**Tropical Depression**

Low pressure weather system forming an anti-clockwise rotation with high winds and heavy rain.

**Tropical Storm**

Develops when wind speeds of a Tropical Depression increase beyond 39 mph. Is given a name and can become a Hurricane.

**V****Vegetation**

Plant growth.

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**U****Utilisation**

Use for a special function.

**REMEMBER**

*Good drainage affects EVERYBODY.*

*And EVERYBODY has a responsibility  
to make it work.*





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