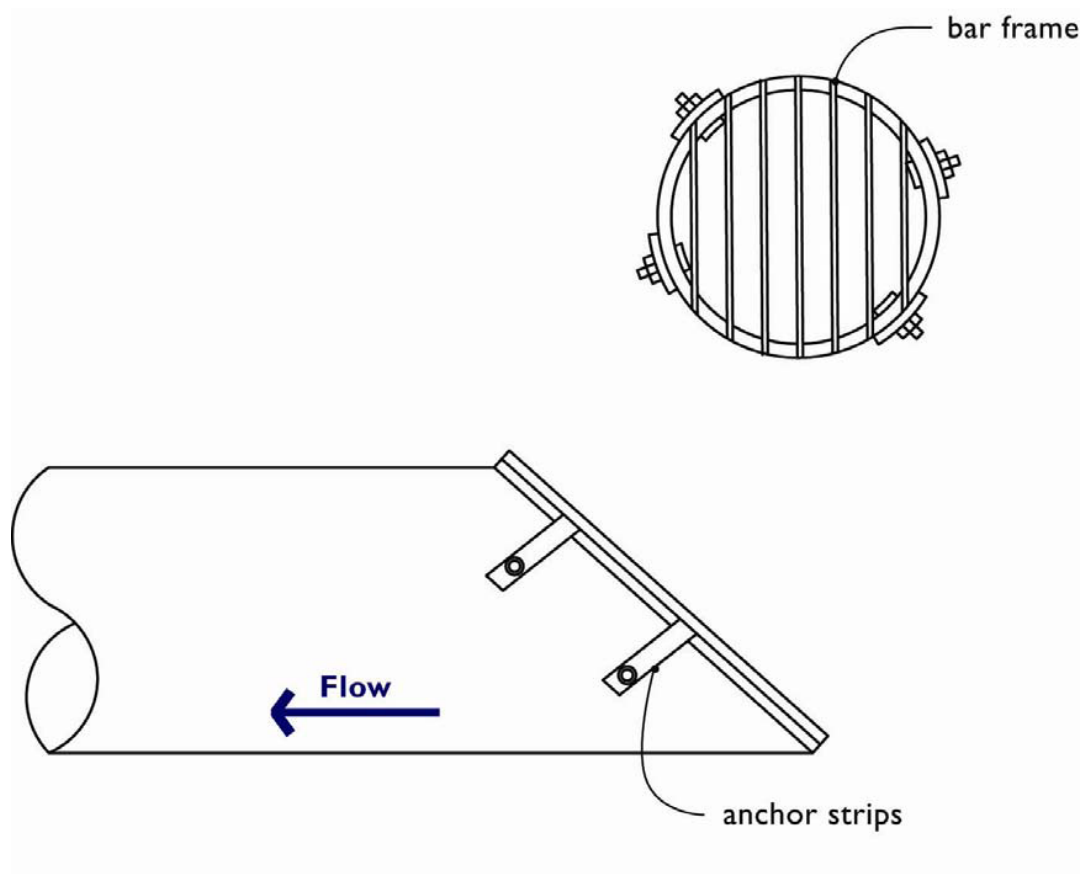


## Debris Barrier & Access Barrier (e.g. Trash Rack)

A debris barrier is a bar grate over the open end of a culvert or stormwater conveyance pipe. The intent of a debris barrier is to prevent large materials from entering a closed pipe system. Debris barriers are typically located on the outlet pipe from a detention pond to the control structure. If a debris barrier is not located on an outlet pipe of 18-inch diameter or greater, one should be installed to prevent plugging of the control structure and possible flooding.

An access barrier is installed on a pipe end that is large enough to allow entry. Their function is to prevent debris and unauthorized access into the storm conveyance pipe. Only qualified personnel should attempt to maintain or remove debris from the barrier when water is flowing through the conveyance pipe.



## Key Operations and Maintenance Considerations

- The most common tool for cleaning debris and access barriers are hand tools such as a rake to remove collected debris.

Debris Barrier			
Drainage System Feature	Potential Defect	Conditions When Maintenance Is Needed	Minimum Performance Standard
General	Trash and Debris	Trash or debris that is plugging more than 20% of the openings in the barrier.	Barrier cleared to design flow capacity.
	Damaged/ Missing Bars	Bars are bent out of shape more than 3 inches.	Bars in place with no bends more than 3/4 inch.
		Bars are missing or entire barrier missing.	Bars in place according to design specifications.
		Bars are loose and rust is causing 50% deterioration to any part of barrier.	Barrier replaced or repaired to design specifications.
	Missing or Damaged Debris Barrier	Debris barrier missing or not attached to inlet/ outlet pipe.	Barrier is in place and firmly attached to pipe.