

'Litterbugs and lack of enforcement to blame'

KUALA LUMPUR: The occurrence of flash floods in the country recently may be due to the heavy rains, but clogged drains had also played a major role.

According to a reader, who only wanted to be identified as "Mrs Lim", "irresponsible" waste management from coffee shops and 24-hour mamak restaurants in the city were the cause of drains being clogged.

Mrs Lim said the state of the drains in areas like Jalan Imbi was "filthy" and "shocking".

"You can find plastic bottles that these eateries have thrown into them.

"It's shocking that the drains do not have grease traps. What's more shocking is the lack of enforcement to make sure things like grease traps are installed."

She said City Hall officers should be more vigilant and take the culprits to task.

"Not only does it give a bad impression to tourists, but the clogged drains could cause floods. They could also cause an outbreak of diseases."



Mohd Rahim Abdullah **searching for plastic bottles** at Sungai Batu in Kuala Lumpur. **Rubbish** in our rivers has caused bottlenecks at certain stretches which could lead to flash floods. Pic by Chan Wai Yew