



Storm Drain Marking Program

Be Part of the Solution to Stormwater Pollution!

The Allen County Surveyor's Office would like you to spread the word and become a volunteer for storm drain marking!

Only Rain in the Drain!

We need residents to help mark the storm drain inlets along our streets and within our yards with decals that have a message "No Dumping, Drains to Stream." Many people may not realize that water flowing into storm drains is not cleaned before it empties into a river, stream, or pond. Any pollutants dumped into these inlets will make their way to a waterway in your community.

Therefore, if someone decides to dump oil, grass clippings, pet waste, paints, fertilizer, chemicals, or any other pollutant down the storm drain, those materials will eventually make their way to a neighboring stream or possibly into your subdivision pond. These markers are intended to educate, remind, and inform other people living nearby of the storm inlet to river connection and that we do not want pollutants entering into areas where we might fish or swim, or into our drinking water source.

PLAN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD STORM DRAIN MARKING EVENT!!

1. Recruit volunteers from your neighborhood
2. Plan a date and time (have an alternate date in case of rain)
3. Contact the Allen County Surveyor's Office, Matt Jarrett – (449-7625)

County will supply:

- Storm drain markers
- Adhesive glue
- Tie straps
- Marker installation instructions
- Map of inlet locations

Please contact the Surveyor's Office at least a month before planned event



What Can You Do?

To help keep the stormwater leaving your neighborhood as clean as possible, follow these simple guidelines:

- Use pesticides and fertilizer according to package directions. More isn't better. It's a waste of money if it washes away, and it can cause pollution.
- Repair auto leaks.
- Dispose of household hazardous wastes, used auto fluids and batteries at approved collection sites.
- Pick up pet waste and put it into the trash.
- Use a commercial car wash instead of washing your car in the driveway.
- Sweep up yard debris rather than hosing it into the street. Compost or recycle it when possible.
- Clean paint brushes in the sink not outdoors. Properly dispose of excess paint.
- Never dump cooking grease or anything else down the storm drain.

