

Who Can Participate?

- ◆ Homeowner Associations
- ◆ Student Groups
- ◆ Environmental Groups
- ◆ Boy and Girl Scouts
- ◆ Service Organizations
- ◆ 4-H Clubs
- ◆ Youth Groups
- ◆ Families
- ◆ Anyone

**Volunteer
to mark the
Storm Drains
in Your
Community!**

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How to Get Involved

If you or your group would like to volunteer or if you would like more information regarding storm drain marking, please contact:

**Hancock
County
Government**

Tracie Belongia
County Surveyor's Office
Courthouse Annex
111 South American
Legion Place,
Suite 171 Greenfield, IN 46140
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OR

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Soil and Water
Conservation District
1101 West Main Street; Suite N
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(317) 462-2283, Ext. 3

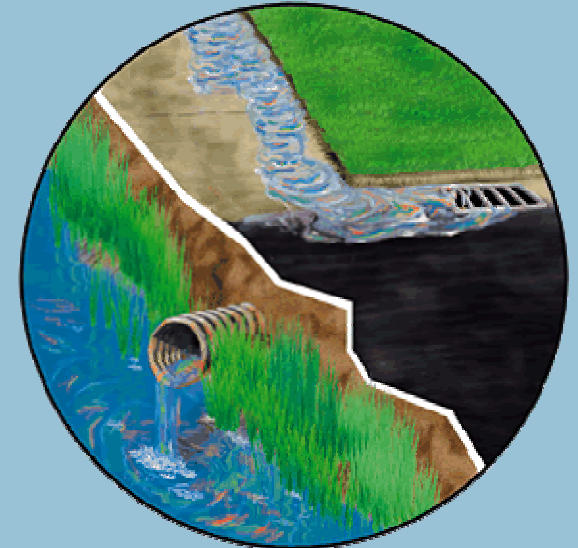


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Our Water!*



It Is Our Water!

STORM DRAIN STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM



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storm.htm](http://www.hancockswcd.org/storm.htm)

What is a Storm Drain?

Storm drains are the metal grates found on streets, often at intersections and between houses in subdivisions.

They help to prevent flooding by draining rainwater and melted snow away from streets and lawns through a storm drainage system to nearby waterways.



Is a Storm Drainage System?

Storm drainage systems and sanitary sewer systems are not the same. The water that goes down toilets, sinks, and other household plumbing fixtures flows through a sanitary sewer system to a wastewater treatment facility where it is treated and cleaned.

Stormwater is from rain, melting snow, water from a sprinkler or hose that flows down a driveway, street, or off of a lawn goes directly through the storm drainage system into local waterways. As it flows it collects and transports soil, pet waste, salt, pesticides, fertilizer, oil and grease, litter and other nonpoint pollutants.

This stormwater is **untreated!**

What is Storm Drain Marking?

Storm Drain Marking is an educational tool that communities use to draw attention to one of the many types of nonpoint source pollution and what we can do to reduce and prevent this type of pollution. Marking consists of labeling storm drainage inlet structures with labels indicating that nothing should be dumped down the storm drains.



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Why Mark Storm Drains?

- ◆ Alerts the community to the fate of stormwater and the pollution carried with it
- ◆ Raises awareness and leads to pollution prevention
- ◆ Marking is an educational, interactive tool to engage community members of all ages.
- ◆ Reminds community not to dump anything down storm drains
- ◆ Helps to improve water quality

What YOU can do!

- ◆ Do not use storm drains or other parts of a storm drainage system for disposal of any material
- ◆ Mow grass so that grass clippings and leaves remain on the lawn
- ◆ Sweep off sidewalks and driveways back onto the lawn or place in the household trash for disposal
- ◆ Reduce the use of herbicides, insecticides, and fertilizers and by following the manufacturer's mixing and application directions
- ◆ Minimize the use of salt and sand on sidewalks and driveways during the winter
- ◆ Direct rain down spouts to vegetated (rain garden) areas instead of onto the bare ground (*Check out Rain Gardens at www.hancockswcd.org*)
- ◆ Wash vehicles and lawn equipment on the lawn, not in the drive way
- ◆ Leave erosion control devices in place
- ◆ Pick up after your pets, dispose of waste properly
- ◆ Recycle used oil, never place used motor in the trash or pour down storm drains
- ◆ Join or start a group that marks storm drains in you community; take part in reminding people where the water flows!