

Storm Drain Marker Program

DC Soil & Water Conservation District Citizens' Advisory Committee – Spring 2004
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What should you know about storm drains?

Storm drains are designed to take rainwater and snowmelt away from streets & sidewalks to prevent flooding.

Nothing but water should go into storm drains.

Trash, debris, motor oil and other materials that get into the storm drains pollute local rivers and streams and clog up the storm drains causing flooding.

To raise public awareness,
The DC Soil and Water

Conservation District Citizens' Advisory Committee will place 60 storm drain markers in each of the city's eight wards, on storm drains that are highly visible and storm drains that are frequently overburdened with trash and debris. These colorful and durable plastic decals are easy to install, cannot be scratched or damaged and will last for 10 years.



How can you help improve water quality of our rivers & streams?

☐ ***Contact DCSWCD-CAC to suggest where storm drain markers should be placed in your neighborhood and to volunteer to help install them.***

☐ Make sure nothing goes down storm drains except water or snow melt. How? Don't put anything in storm drains. Keep trash, dog poop, motor oil, etc. off streets, sidewalks, yards and parks.

☐ Organize regular neighborhood cleanups. If needed, ask DPW for trash bags, brooms or other help by calling 727-1000, or make an online service request at <http://www.dc.gov/citizen/request.shtm>.

☐ Call WASA at 202-612-3400 if a storm drain in your neighborhood appears to be clogged. Ask WASA to come and clean it out so water can flow in freely.

☐ Call 727-1000 to report related problems in your neighborhood, including illegal car repair operations, trash dumping, and excessive trash in yards, streets, or alleys, or report online at <http://www.dc.gov/citizen/request.shtm>.

☐ Call 727-1000 to learn the dates of special DPW hazardous waste trash collections held twice a year.

☐ Copy this flyer and give it to neighbors, community groups, libraries, schools, businesses, etc.

For more information on the Storm Drain Marker Program or to discuss environmental concerns in your neighborhood, contact Robert Hyman, DCSWCD, at roberthyman@erols.com or 202-342-5485.