

STORM DRAIN LABELING

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STORM DRAINS AND THE BAY

When it rains, the water running along the gutters in the street vanishes down storm drains. Where does the water go? The water in a storm drain does not go to a treatment plant. This runoff drains directly into a local stream. All our local streams in Fairfax County feed into the Potomac River, which empties into the Chesapeake Bay. Nothing is removed from the water. That means pet waste, yard debris, fertilizer, motor oil, pesticides and trash all have the potential to flow into our streams and the Chesapeake Bay.

THE SOLUTION

Volunteer to lead a storm drain project in your neighborhood! We supply the materials, you supply the legwork. Together we educate our communities about the connection between our storm drains and our streams.

VOLUNTEER IN YOUR COMMUNITY

- Educate residents about water quality problems
- Promote a healthy community
- All supplies provided by NVSWCD
- Easy and effective!

ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN!



STEPS

- Contact NVSWCD to learn more about the program
- Get approval from the HOA/CA
- Set a project date and recruit volunteers
- Pick up supplies from NVSWCD
- Spread the word and educate your community
- Label the community storm drains
- Return supplies to NVSWCD



The Fairfax County Storm Drain Education Program is a joint venture of Fairfax County, the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District.

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