

## **Storm Drains Stenciled In Your Neighborhood.**

A storm drain was stenciled in your neighborhood today to remind people to not dump, pour, rinse or wash anything into the storm drain .

Water that goes into this storm drain drains does NOT go to a treatment plant first. Instead, it drains into the water we play in, drink from and fish on.

To keep pollution from being washed into our water by rain and snow melt, consider doing the following:

- Throw away pet waste.
- Fertilize carefully. Sweep up any fertilizer from sidewalks and streets.
- Cover bare spots to prevent erosion.

For more information go to:  
[www.sd-discovery.com](http://www.sd-discovery.com) and click on the Watershed link.



## **Storm Drain Stenciling In South Dakota**



## 1. PLAN

Coordinate with your city's public works director. He or she can provide you with important information such as a map of the storm drains or the color paint you should use.

## 2. COLLECT YOUR MATERIALS:

- Storm drain stencils
- Door hanger cards/flyers (sample on back)
- Map of stenciling area/storm drains
- Permission slips
- Letter or authorization from Public Works to stencil
- Traffic zone latex spray paint (note: 1 can = about 10 drains)
- Wire brush or whisk broom to clean gutter before painting
- Rubber gloves
- Traffic safety vests & cones (ask Public Works for a loan)
- Cardboard folder to sandwich wet stencils for transport
- Consider a large open box to place around stencil to shield against overspray
- Garbage bags to pick up litter you may find in the gutters

## 3. STENCIL

- Choose a dry, sunny day. Pavement should be dry and warm.
- Use a wire brush or whisk broom to sweep dirt away from the stencil area.
- Position stencil next to the storm drain inlet where message will be most visible. Avoid areas where dirt and leaves will collect and cover the message.
- Consider using a cardboard box, cut open to form a border around the stencil to protect against overspray.
- Spray paint the message. Two light coats are better than a thick single coat. Stenciled messages last for approximately two years on a paved surface.
- While some team members are stenciling, have others visit with local residents or businesses to hand out fact sheets or door hangers explaining where the storm drains go, plus local tips on how to prevent pollution to their lake, river or stream.
- Place stencils in a cardboard folder for transportation.

## 4. FOLLOW UP

- Open folders and lay flat in the sun to dry. When paint is dry store the stencils in their folder where they will be ready for future use for your next pollution prevention stencil day.
- Follow up with the public works director to let him or her know
  1. the number and location of storm drains stenciled
  2. the number of flyers passed out
  3. the number of volunteers who participated.

**DUMP NO WASTE**



**DRAINS TO LAKE**