

Storm Drain Stenciling/Tagging

Why is Storm Drain Stenciling Important?

Storm drains connect your property directly to nearby waterways. Living on a city street is like living right on the waterfront. Everything that washes down a storm drain from a yard or street winds up in local lakes, rivers or streams – not the sewage treatment plant.

Many people think that water pollution is mostly caused by big business or large government facilities-places with pipes leading into the river. These are known as "point source" polluters. However, in recent years these sources have greatly reduced their negative impact on water quality. As a result, storm water run -off is now one of the leading causes of surface water pollution.

In comparison to big facilities with identifiable pipes ("point-source" polluters), run-off is a "non-point" source of pollution. That is, the ultimate source of the pollution cannot be identified. These pollutants are used on lawns, left on driveways and roads, and allowed to go down gutters into storm drains.

Pollutants that come from "non-point" sources include:

- Street litter
- Pet wastes and other debris
- Fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, yard waste and other lawn care residues
- Motor oil, gasoline, transmission fluid, anti-freeze and other substances that leak from cars onto driveways and parking lots.

Storm water pollution is also caused by illegal dumping, like pouring paint or oil into a storm drain. In fact, just one quart of motor oil can pollute 250,000 gallons of water!

What is Storm Drain Tagging?

Storm drain tagging is a great community action project that raises public awareness about the importance of keeping surface water clean and helps to significantly reduce surface water pollution.



Who Can Participate?

- **Families:** Storm Drain Stenciling is a great family outing that teaches community involvement and helps the natural environment.
- **School Groups:** Classrooms can stencil the storm drains near their school as part of a water cycle unit.
- **Scouting Groups:** Boy and Girl Scouts can do Storm Drain stenciling with their troop as a service project.
- **Anyone else that is interested:** Contact us for more information on when tagging/stenciling will be conducted.

For more information please visit us on the web

www.campbell.army.mil/envdiv or call the Storm Water Office at 270-798-9586/9588.