

How to Apply a Storm Drain Marker



Step 1. Clean the drain. Pick up large pieces of litter and plant materials. Then use the whisk broom to remove dirt and gravel.



Step 2. Apply glue to the disk in a spiral pattern, starting in the center and work out to the edges.



Step 3. Place disk on the top of the drain and press down firmly.



Step 4. Report your volunteer hours to Fulton County. Include how many drains were marked and how much trash was collected.

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Storm Drain Marking & Adopt-A-Drain

Have fun and protect water quality in your neighborhood at the same time!

- Mark storm drains with the message "Keep it Clean—Drains to River".
- Adopt a storm drain! Clear away accumulated debris to keep the water flowing!

Protect Water Quality

The Storm Drain Marking and Adopt-A-Drain programs are two quick and easy ways you can make a difference in your neighborhood by keeping your waterways cleaner and helping to prevent flooding.



So what is a storm drain, anyway?

Storm drains are a system of pipes underground that carry rain water away from paved areas. The water flows into the system through inlets or grated openings in the curb and gutter.

Storm Drain Marking

Storm drains flow directly into the nearest water body, such as a lake, stream, or river. When people dump unwanted household chemicals, trash, lawn clippings, pet waste, or anything into a drain, our water quality is impacted in a negative way.

What would you have to do?

Volunteers will glue colorful markers onto the tops of each storm drain in their neighborhoods as a reminder not to dump anything into the drains, picking up any litter discovered as they walk from drain to drain.

Safety Note: Watch out for cars! Always be aware of passing vehicles when walking in the street and walk against the flow of traffic. And don't forget to wear the highly fashionable safety vests loaned to you in the Storm Drain Marking supplies provided by the County!



As a Storm Drain Marking volunteer, you will receive the loan of:

- Clean Up Supplies (whisk broom, hand rake, trash bags, and work gloves)
- Safety Vests for volunteers
- Storm Drain Marking Kit
 - Disks
 - Glue
 - Latex Gloves
- Educational Resources

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Adopt-A-Drain

Become a volunteer to maintain storm drains! When litter and leaves accumulate atop storm drain grates or in the mouth of the drain, storm water can back up into the street, causing flooding. Not to mention the debris that washes into the drain ends up in our local waterways, clogging our streams and rivers with decaying yard waste and trash.

What would you have to do?

Volunteers would check their adopted drains on a regular basis for debris build up, especially when rain is predicted, and then simply remove any debris from the storm drain openings or grates. Litter can be placed in your regular trash and plant materials can be bagged for your yard waste pick up or composted with your lawn clippings and food scraps.

Safety Note: Never attempt to enter a storm drain, even if you see a lot of debris clogging the drain inside. Please call our trained maintenance staff if you have a storm drain that is already clogged inside.



As an Adopt-A-Drain volunteer, you will receive the loan of:

- Clean Up Supplies (whisk broom, hand rake, trash bags, and work gloves)
- Safety Vest
- Storm Drain Marking Kit
 - Disks
 - Glue
 - Latex Gloves
- Educational Resources

Tell Your Story!

We want to hear from you! Tell us how your project went. What went well? What could be improved upon? Let us know how many volunteer hours were spent, how much trash was collected, and how many drains were marked. And don't forget to send photos!

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