

Tips for Cleaner Water

- **Keep** litter, pet wastes, leaves, and debris out of street gutters and storm drains. These outlets drain directly to lake, streams, rivers, and wetlands.
- Apply lawn and garden chemicals **sparingly** and according to directions.
- **Dispose** of used oil, antifreeze, paints, and other household chemicals properly, not in storm sewers or drains. For more information on disposing these items call (317) 738-2546.
- **Clean** up spilled brake fluid, oil, grease, and antifreeze. Do not hose them into the street where they can eventually reach local streams and lakes.
- Wash your car at a car wash facility or on a permeable surface to **minimize** soaps and other pollutants from running off into streams.
- **Control** soil erosion on your property by planting ground cover and stabilizing erosion-prone areas.
- **Inspect** your septic system every 3 years and pump your tank as necessary. Don't dispose of household hazardous waste in sinks or toilets.

You Can Make a Difference!

For more information about volunteering for the **Storm Drain Labeling Project**, please contact the **Johnson County SWCD** at **(317) 736-9540**

Sponsor Information

Johnson County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)

550 E. Jefferson St.
Franklin, IN 46131
(317) 736-9540
www.swcd.org

Youngs Creek Watershed Project

550 E. Jefferson St.
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(317) 346-6102
www.swcd.org/watershed.htm

Franklin Department of Public Works

796 South State Street
Franklin IN 46131
(317) 736-3640
www.franklinpublicworks.com

Johnson County Solid Waste Management District

755 East Hamilton Ave.
Franklin, IN 46131
(317) 738-2546
www.co.johnson.in.us/admin/swmd/index.html

Johnson County Commissioners

86 W. Court St.
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VOLUNTEERS WANTED!



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What is the Storm Drain Labeling Project?

In order to raise awareness of local water quality issues within Johnson County, the Johnson County Soil and Water Conservation District, the Youngs Creek Watershed Project, the Franklin

Department of Public Works, the Johnson County Solid Waste Management District, and the Johnson County



Storm drain label

Commissioners are spreading the message, “No Dumping, Drains to Creek”. Labels like this are being placed on storm drains throughout neighborhoods in the County to alert people that discharges into storm drains pollute valuable water resources.

Why is it Important?

Unlike sewer systems, storm drains are not connected to treatment plants. Whatever enters the storm drain is discharged directly to the creek. Much of the pollution in our creeks comes from everyday materials like motor oil, antifreeze, household chemicals, fertilizers, gasoline, litter, and soil erosion. These substances are washed by rain or dumped from our streets, yards, driveways, and parking lots into the storm drain. One quart of oil, for example, can ruin the quality of 250,000 gallons of water.

“Fred” the Fish asks you to...



“Be part of the solution to stormwater pollution!”

What Can I Do to Help?

Volunteer! The Storm Drain Labeling Project is done by volunteers in the community. Groups such as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, 4-H Clubs, environmental clubs, church youth groups, neighborhood/homeowner associations, grade school classes, civic, service, and other organizations are eligible to participate. Choose a neighborhood that needs storm drain labeling or we can choose one for you.

What will I be Doing?

A group of 6 more people can easily label a neighborhood in a couple of hours. In addition, door hangers will be placed on each house in the neighborhood. The door hangers let the homeowners know about the storm drain labeling project and what they can do to prevent stormwater pollution.

What Else Do I Need to Know?

- The Soil and Water Conservation District will provide groups with labeling kits and safety equipment.
- A team leader will need to be designated to meet with SWCD staff to learn about the project, receive instructions, and pick up the labeling kit.
- All volunteers will receive a small token of appreciation.

Where Can I get more Information?

If your group is interested in volunteering, please call the Johnson County SWCD at (317) 736-9540 or visit their website at www.swcd.org.