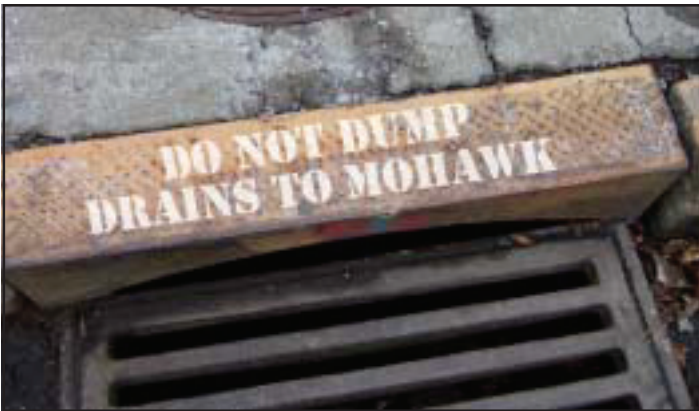


Hello!

Did you notice the storm drain marker in your neighborhood?



Here's the story...

Stormwater runoff is precipitation from rain or snowmelt that flows over the ground. As it flows, it can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and deposit them into a storm sewer system or waterbody. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water.

The stencil or marker is a neighborhood reminder of what you can do to help clean up Albany County waterways.

Learn how to prevent stormwater pollution. (Flip the doorhanger!)

To stencil a storm drain in your municipality; learn about your local stormwater management program; or report an illegal discharge, contact your local municipality. To learn about Stormwater Coalition, contact swcoalition@albanycounty.com

This outreach and education program is sponsored by the Stormwater Coalition of Albany County. Coalition members include the Cities of Albany, Cohoes, and Watervliet; Towns of Bethlehem, Colonie, Guilderland, and New Scotland; the Village of Colonie, Green Island, Menands, and Voorheesville; Albany County; and SUNY Albany. Supporters include Albany County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Capital District Regional Planning Commission.



Become a solution to water pollution!

Only Rain Down the Drain!

POLLUTANTS IN STORM DRAINS

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Motor oil, anti-freeze, transmission fluid

Dispose of household hazardous waste, used auto fluids, and batteries at designated collection or recycling locations. Repair auto leaks.

Yard waste

Sweep up yard debris rather than hosing down areas. Compost or recycle yard waste when possible.

Pet waste

Pick up pet waste and dispose of it in the trash or by flushing.

Paints and solvents

Clean paint brushes in the sink, not outdoors. Contact your local municipality find out dates and places to properly dispose of excess paints through a household hazardous waste collection program.

Pesticides and fertilizers

Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly and not when rain is forecast.

Construction debris, excessive dirt and gravel

Sweep up and properly dispose of construction debris like concrete and mortar.

Detergent

Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface.



Helpful websites:
www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater
www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8468.html