

*Your yard, the street,  
storms, and the stream  
are connected...*

**TOP 5 MOST COMMON  
STORMWATER POLLUTANTS:**

1. Litter
2. Mud
3. Grass Clippings & Yard Waste
4. Chemicals
5. Pet Waste

**THE STORM DRAIN MARKING  
PROJECT PARTNERS:**

Many thanks to our volunteers,  
organizations, & businesses who  
contribute to this project:

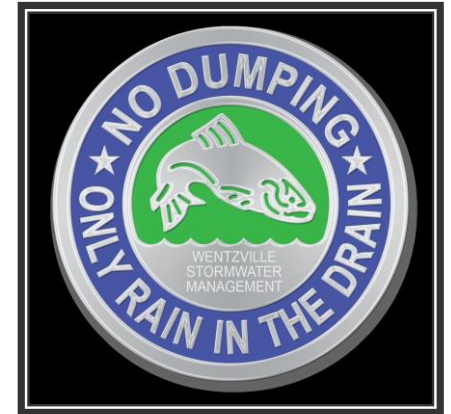
*We'd love to add  
your organization here!*



Missouri Stream Team

HAVE YOU NOTICED  
A NEW FISH IN YOUR  
NEIGHBORHOOD?

The City of Wentzville  
presents...



The Storm Drain Marking Project is  
organized locally by:



Stormwater Management Program

200 E. Fourth Street  
Wentzville, MO 63385  
(636) 639-2055

<http://wentzvillemo.org/stormwater.aspx>

The Storm Drain  
Marking Project

***Remember...only rain should  
go down storm drains!***

***Helping keep our water  
clean and healthy...***

# THE PROBLEM...

Where does your neighborhood storm drain go? Unfortunately, storm drains do not lead to a wastewater treatment plant. To prevent flooding of streets and homes, **stormwater runoff flows untreated** to nearby **streams or lakes**. Pollutants are not removed.

Rainwater can carry street **litter**, fertilizer, pet wastes, oil, mud, yard waste and other **chemicals** into storm drains. This 'nonpoint' source pollution comes from a variety of sources (rather than one point) and can seriously damage our community's water resources.

## HOW DOES IT AFFECT ME?

Our streams and rivers are the source of our drinking water. Keeping pollution out of streams helps protect property values and the health of those who live by, play in, or fish in streams. Pollutants can also get into our groundwater, the source of drinking water for wells.

**FACT:** Many people blame industry for water pollution, but nonpoint source pollution from our own yards is a significant source of contamination of the valuable water resources across Missouri.

***Wentzville's streams and lakes are home for over 30 species of fish.***



# THE SOLUTION...

Volunteers are taking to the streets to protect our water resources. This project marks storm drains with the message "No Dumping—Only Rain Down the Drain." We hope the fish image reminds folks that Wentzville's storm drains lead directly to our streams and lakes—home to over 30 species of fish.

Help keep water treatment costs low and protect our precious water. Tell your kids and neighbors about the Storm Drain Marking Project and its message.

## GET INVOLVED!

Care about clean water? Grab a friend, your family or business, and volunteer by calling (636) 639-2055 for info. Our ongoing community projects:

- Adopt-A-Street program,
- Operation Clean Stream,
- Stream habitat improvement on your property,
- Stream Team monitoring,
- Storm Drain Marking, or
- Help educate other residents & businesses.

## CLEAN WATER TIPS

Prevent pollution with these simple steps:

- ✓ **Mud & debris.** Sweep driveways & sidewalks instead of using a hose.
- ✓ **Pick up litter.** Did you know that a common culprit is trash flying out of truck beds?
- ✓ **Yard waste is natural, right?** If it goes down storm drains or is piled along stream banks, it actually causes more pollution and possibly erosion. Mulch or let grass clippings lay, or compost in another area. Call (636) 639-2035 to set up yard waste collection.
- ✓ **Car washing.** Go to a car wash or use biodegradable, no-phosphorus soap and sweep up dirt and debris.
- ✓ **Properly dispose chemicals.** Recycle auto fluids at Recycle Works, 2110 E. Pitman Avenue. Bring hazardous chemicals labeled "WARNING" or "DANGER" to a collection. Call (636) 949-7415 or visit [www.scchealth.org/es](http://www.scchealth.org/es) for info.
- ✓ **Landscape wisely.** Try native plants that don't need extra water or fertilizer once they get established. Check out Integrated Pest Management to reduce pesticides. Get ideas at [www.grownative.org](http://www.grownative.org)

***Your help makes the difference!***