

Storm Drain Marking Summary

The Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District's storm drain marking project was developed to address nonpoint source pollution.

MSD, with help from the Environmental Protection Agency in a matching grant administered through the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, partners with community organizations to help raise awareness about environmental issues such as this.

MSD provides this service to help reduce the improper disposal of waste such as, motor oil, pesticides, street litter, yard debris, pet waste, etc. from area streams.



Aren't Sewers For Trash?

Drain marking projects are geared to address nonpoint source pollution (any pollution that does not have a definite place of origin). The Environmental

You can help!

It is important that we all take care of our waterways. If you would like to become involved to with the Storm Drain Installation project, please complete the attached form, and return it as soon as possible. If you need any further assistance, or would like more information, please contact Kathy Thornburgh at (314) 436-8712. We thank you for your efforts in conserving our environment.

Protection Agency has determined that nonpoint source pollution is a major cause of our nation's water quality problems.

Nonpoint source pollution occurs as a result of uninformed people dumping toxic waste into a waterway or an oil spill from an unknown source. People performing daily tasks can contribute to nonpoint source pollution. For example, individuals pouring motor oil and dumping yard waste down the storm sewer system and throwing trash onto the street. Sewer Drain Marking is one way to constantly remind the public that *sewers are for water and not trash.*

Storm drains collect stormwater and helps to prevent streets and properties from flooding. When it rains, the runoff (the portion of rainwater that does not soak into the ground) flows across the ground and concrete into the storm sewers. Any debris or waste in the flow's path is washed into the storm drains where it is released untreated into a local waterway, like a nearby creek.

Storm drains have the potential to release pollution into St. Louis rivers and streams. Storm drain marking alerts individuals of the connection between streets and nearby waterways.