

Storm Drain Marking



The City of Concord has a Storm Drain Marking program. Since 2006, we require new storm drains to have a casting "Dump No Waste, Drains to Creek" or equivalent language. For all the storm drains that were installed before then, we offer a Storm Drain Marking as a volunteer opportunity to our citizens. We have this listed on our website, and it has been printed in our City newsletter. Many citizens call looking for opportunities to volunteer, whether it be elementary school students needing volunteer hours for school, boy/girl scout troops, or high school or college students.

We have all the materials our volunteers would need to mark the storm drains. We give our volunteers safety vests, the placards, adhesive, a map of the area, an approximate number of storm drains they'll be marking, and a letter saying that we, the City, give them permission to be marking the storm drains.

We have a tracking system in GIS that shows what storm drains are casted permanently, what drains will not need to be marked (on main roads), what storm drains are already marked by volunteers and what storm drains still need to be marked. We also have an excel spreadsheet listing that dates that different neighborhood's storm drains were marked. We've noticed that the placards only last about 5 years, so 5 years after they were marked, we add them back to the list of available neighborhoods.

This program began in 2009. Since then we've had over 3,000 storm drains marked by volunteers. We've focused mostly on neighborhoods, on public streets, thus far.