



Storm Drain Medallion Quick Guide



Our storm drains are a network of underground pipes that transport rainwater, snow melt, and other water from urban areas straight to a local waterbody. Unlike sanitary sewers, which transport wastewater to a treatment facility, storm drains are designed to reduce flooding and discharge directly into the nearest waterbody. In order to educate the community and discourage dumping into our storm sewers, we attach medallions that alert would-be dumpers and passers-by that dumping could harm wildlife and pollute the water that becomes our drinking water.

How do we do this?

- An event leader is designated to lead the event. If you are organizing your own event, you take the responsibilities of event leader. These responsibilities include:
 - Coordinate with Partners for Clean Streams on a location to apply the medallions.
 - Make sure there is an adult present with children that provides direct supervision. Enlist your volunteers!
 - Train your adults and other volunteers, teaching them where and how to mark the drains.
 - Distribute [liability forms](#) and gathering supplies.

- Supplies Needed
 - Medallions
 - Wire brush
 - Adhesive
 - Disposable Gloves
 - Trash bags
 - Small broom & dustpan
 - Safety vests
 - Street maps
 - Tracking Forms
 - Informational Door Hangers

- Applying the Storm Drain Medallions
 - Find a flat spot on the curb or on the drain itself to place the medallion. The medallion should be readable from the sidewalk. Ensure the location is raised and would not be affected by snow plows in the winter.
 - Make sure the area where you are applying the medallion is clear of any dirt, dust or debris and then use a wire brush to scratch the surface.
 - With gloves on, use the adhesive glue according to its directions and apply it to the back of the medallion in the pattern marked. Watch this [video](#) for tips!
 - Press the medallion firmly on the surface so that the adhesive seeps out of the sides.
 - Let dry! Medallions last about 8 to 10 years on the street when applied correctly!

- Door Hanger Distribution
 - Place the Door Hangers on nearby home's doors to inform the public of your work and its significance – Not the mailbox!
 - Walk on the street or sidewalk, not across yards.
 - Maintain your safety and do not enter anyone's home!

Thank your volunteers! Without them, none of this would be possible!

Have any more questions?
You can visit the Storm Drain Marking page [HERE](#)
or call us at 419-874-0727

