



STORM DRAIN MARKING

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Lucas County Engineer's Office

What are storm drains used for?

Storm drains redirect water from paved areas like parking lots, roads, and sidewalks, allowing runoff from these surfaces to quickly reach the nearest waterway preventing flooding in our neighborhoods. Any water that enters a storm drain goes straight into the nearest ditch, creek, stream or river untreated. Anything on those surfaces (like antifreeze, oil, paint) have the potential of going directly into our rivers. It is crucial to prevent hazardous contaminants from getting into our waterways.

What is Storm Drain Marking?

As part of the Giver Water a Hand Campaign, our Storm Drain Marking program connects municipalities, citizens, and active volunteers to protect our drinking water.

Throughout the warmer months of the year, volunteers mark storm drains with a phrase such as “Drains are for Rain, Flows to Waterway” or “Lake Erie Starts Here” with stencils or adhesive medallions. Volunteers will pass out educational materials in local neighborhoods. Marking storm drains is a powerful way to educate people about possible water contamination during the misuse of storm drains.

Partner Municipalities

- City of Maumee
- City of Northwood
- City of Oregon
- City of Perrysburg
- City of Rossford
- City of Toledo
- City of Waterville
- Lucas County Storm Water Utility
- Springfield Township
- Sylvania Township
- The Village of Ottawa Hills
- Village of Genoa
- Village of Holland
- Washington Township



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Results by Year

	Volunteers	Storm Drains Marked	Door Hangers Distributed
2011.....	9	51	98
2012.....	221	1101	2139
2013.....	95	369	1010
2014.....	145	926	1987
2015.....	166	652	1575
2016.....	146	936	1716
2017.....	33	96	575
2018.....	71	742	2424
2019.....	10	27	125
2020.....	N/A	15	N/A
2021.....	53	322	1367
2022.....	84	548	1358
2023.....	118	1340	4024
Total.....	1141	7125	18398

Marking Designs



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