



gwinnettcounty
Department of **Water Resources**

Be a Stormwater Protector! Stencil a Storm Drain!

Did you know that storm drains lead directly to natural waterways? Even if you're not dumping garbage directly down these drains, pollution can still make its way into the water when stormwater runoff flowing over land picks it up. Excess fertilizer or grass clippings can contribute to this pollution, as well as more obvious things like motor oil or pet waste. A good rule of thumb is if you wouldn't want to swim in it, don't put it down the storm drain!

Now that you know more about where the storm drains lead – you can help educate your neighbors and community in Grayson by participating in a program called “Stormwater Protectors.” This program, managed by Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful in cooperation with the Department of Water Resources, helps to protect our streams and rivers from pollutants that enter storm drains. Stormwater Protectors are volunteers equipped to stencil a fish icon with the words “No dumping... Leads to Stream” on storm drains and distribute fish-shaped, educational door hangers in the neighborhood.

Grayson's location means it can have an influence on water quality in other parts of Gwinnett. The city sits atop a small hill and numerous small streams flow into the surrounding areas. This means that residents in Grayson are the first to impact these small streams. Help make that a positive impact by becoming a Stormwater Protector in Grayson!

For more information and to request your own stenciling kit, please visit the Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful website at <http://www.gwinnettcg.org/stormwater-protectors/>.

