

## Drains Directly To Fourche Creek

What does this marker by your storm drain mean? It means anything that flows down that drain goes untreated into Fourche Creek, Little Rock's main waterway. Storm drains do not empty to water treatment facilities, they empty directly into creeks. Rain water picks up trash, motor oil, pet waste, and other pollutants. Polluted water hurts people, plants, and animals, like the fish many people enjoy taking out of the creeks. Just one quart of motor oil can ruin 250,000 gallons of water. Please don't dump trash, chemicals, and yard waste into the street or down a storm drain.



This is where trash tossed down the storm drain and on the street ends up!

### 10 things you can do to prevent stormwater runoff pollution:

1. Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep driveways and sidewalks after application.
2. Never dump *anything* down storm drains or in ditches.
3. Vegetate bare spots in your yard and terrace slopes to minimize erosion.
4. Compost yard waste and sweep grass clippings out of street gutters after mowing.
5. Use integrated pest management practices for controlling pests around your home. If using chemicals, use least toxic pesticides and follow label instructions.
6. Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces; use rain barrels or plant a rain garden to capture runoff.
7. Take your car to the car wash where the wastewater is taken to a treatment plant instead of washing your car on a driveway or street.
8. Check your car for leaking fluids and recycle your motor oil.
9. Pick up after your pet.
10. Don't litter! Pick up trash you see on the ground (even if it is not yours) and participate in a creek clean-up!

Questions?

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## Storm Drain Marker Instructions

What you need:

- Drain markers
- Adhesive; one tube covers about 15 markers
- Gloves
- Broom or brush
- Newspaper (optional)

Where to place markers within the Fourche Creek Watershed:

- Positioned flat against the sidewalk just above the storm drain inlet, or vertically on the curb facing the street. Surface must be flat.
- At high visibility storm drains such as by sidewalks and intersections.
- So you can read the marker while facing the storm drain.



How to apply:

1. Sweep the surface. Surface must be dry and free of loose debris.
2. Apply adhesive following the pattern on the back of the marker. Wear gloves.
3. Stick it! Press down firmly and completely around the marker with gloved hands, or place newspaper on it and step down. Adhesive should come out around the edges, forming a complete seal.
4. Take photos of you placing markers and share them with Friends of Fourche Creek at [www.facebook.com/fourchecreek](http://www.facebook.com/fourchecreek)



**Safety first!**  
**Stay off the street.**  
**Watch for cars.**

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