

## PREPARATION

1. Discuss the program with your group.  
It is recommended that participants be at least 10 years old.
2. Select a date. The pavement must be dry and the weather must be above 50 degrees.
3. Choose a time frame you are available.  
Two hours is the recommended length.
4. Select a neighborhood to mark and a location to meet.
5. Figure out the number of participants.
6. Recruit supervisors. One supervisor is recommended for every 4-8 youth volunteers, depending on age.
7. Plan an alternative date in case of rain.
8. Contact River Keepers to set up the project, which includes supplies and training.

## DAY OF PROJECT

- Review the following instructions with participants or scan the QR code to [watch a training video](#).
- Put on safety vests.
- Break into groups. We suggest two people to mark the curb and two people to distribute door hangers. These tasks should be done simultaneously, rather than doing one task and then going back to the other. This way, if time runs out, both tasks will have been completed.



## CURB MARKING TEAM

1. Decide where to put the marker.
  - Surface must be flat, dry, and make contact with the whole marker.
  - The preferred placement is on top of the curb.



- The second option is on the face of the curb.
- If the curb is not possible, the street right next to the curb and storm drain is the last option.



- Below is an example of how not to place a marker. Curb markers should fit flat against its surface and not be hanging over the edge. The marker pictured is starting to slide off the curb.



2. Sweep the area where the marker will be placed so its is free of any loose debris.
3. Peel backing paper off one side of the adhesive disk.
4. Place storm drain marker evenly on top of the adhesive disk.
5. Remove backing paper on other side of the adhesive disk.
6. Apply to cleaned area. It is important that the entire edge of the marker is sealed to the curb or street.
7. Step or place pressure on the storm drain marker to make sure the adhesive sticks.

## DOOR HANGER TEAM

- Walk on sidewalks, stay off of the grass.
- Do NOT put door hangers in mailboxes.
- Place door hanger on the door that looks most used. Do NOT open the door.
- Do NOT leave a door hanger if it will blow away.

## FOLLOW UP

- Indicate streets marked on maps provided.
- Document how many volunteers participated and how many hours were volunteered.
- Return maps and extra storm drain marking supplies.
- Congratulate yourselves...you deserve it!

## WHAT IS A STORM DRAIN?

Storm drains are the grated openings in the street that collect water from rain and melting snow to minimize street flooding. As stormwater flows along streets, it collects trash, leaves, grass clippings, pet waste, car fuels, and other pollutants into storm drains. Pesticides, paints, antifreeze, motor oil, and other chemicals can end up in the storm drains when people dispose of them improperly. This is an illicit discharge and is against city ordinances.



## WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

Have you ever wondered where water goes after it 'disappears' into a storm drain? Stormwater in Fargo-Moorhead is not treated at a wastewater plant, but is discharged directly into the Red River or Sheyenne River through outfall pipes. Runoff carries contaminants and debris picked up along the way, polluting our surface and groundwater, which are often drinking water sources.



## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Volunteer to mark storm drains to teach others about stormwater by contacting River Keepers.
  - Go out on your own with friends and family. Sign up at [riverkeepers.org/volunteer](https://riverkeepers.org/volunteer).
  - Join our Monthly Volunteer Series: The first Thursday of the month in the evening we will be hosting one of our ongoing volunteer projects, including this program! River Keepers staff will train you in at the beginning. [Check out the latest schedule here:](#)
- Follow the No Dumping Drains to River message and do your part to help protect our water.



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

[riverkeepers.org](https://riverkeepers.org)  
[fargond.gov](https://fargond.gov)  
[cityofmoorhead.com](https://cityofmoorhead.com)  
[westfargond.gov](https://westfargond.gov)

## STORM DRAIN MARKING PROGRAM



A volunteer program to protect the Red River by linking human actions to pollution problems

