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2014 STORM DRAIN STENCILING PROGRAM BIG SUCCESS

City Thanks Volunteers for Helping Keep Ponds and Lakes Safe

Every time it rains, Burnsville's storm drains collect water running off of roofs, driveways, sidewalks, parking lots and roads. This water drains directly into neighborhood ponds and lakes.

The bad news is – this runoff also carries with it pollutants such as lawn fertilizers, pet waste, garbage and oil leaked from cars. Even worse, pollutants are sometimes dumped directly into these storm drains by passersby.

To help educate people about this issue, a number of Burnsville youth and civic groups (including churches, scout troops and school volunteers) donate their time each year for the City's "storm drain stenciling" program. Using stencils, volunteers go out and spray paint "Dump No Waste, Drains to Lake" next to neighborhood storm drains. This sends a clear message to people who live in the area that anything dumped in the storm drain goes directly to local water bodies with no treatment or filtration.

In 2014, nine different groups helped stencil more than 500 storm drains in the city. These groups also handed out water quality education fliers in neighborhoods that were stenciled.

The City of Burnsville would like to thank all volunteers who assisted with storm drain stenciling this past year, and encourage more groups to get involved in 2015.

Each year, the City of Burnsville provides the stencils, paint and other necessary equipment for storm drain stenciling. Groups or individuals interested in more information can contact the Natural Resources Department at 952-895-4543 or email caleb.ashling@ci.burnsville.mn.us.

(Photo Below)



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