

Stormdrain Marking

Stormdrain marking is a wonderful way for volunteers to help educate the public about water quality, and protect our local waterbodies! During these events, volunteers label the stormdrains at an assigned location (usually along a particular road or in a residential community) in unincorporated Seminole County. Volunteers meet the SERV Coordinator or Seminole County staff member at the designated meeting location and fill out necessary liability/waiver forms. Seminole County staff or the SERV Coordinator then briefs volunteers on the project details and any hazards / safety issues of the project (i.e. roadway traffic or hazardous trash). The SERV Coordinator will provide all materials and maps, and assist in breaking larger groups into teams. Volunteers drive their own car, carpool with group members, or walk to their designated neighborhood depending on proximity of meeting location to target neighborhoods and number of volunteers present.

When volunteers arrive at their target neighborhood, they walk along the streets and label all the stormdrains. Labeling consists of gluing a plastic stormdrain placard (see below picture) to the top of each curb inlet with epoxy glue, or if labels are already present, prying up the old labels first with a chisel like tool before affixing the new label. Volunteers are provided with disposable gloves to handle glue bottles. Depending on the drainage basin where the stormdrain occurs, the label will either read “No Dumping, Drains To Lake” or “No Dumping, Drains to River”. The SERV Coordinator will choose the appropriate label for the area. If desired, volunteers can also clean-up along the stormdrain inlet; they are instructed to wear gloves while doing so. This would include pulling out any easily accessible trash or debris around or in the stormdrain. Volunteers are also instructed to be very careful while doing so and to avoid any hazardous or unknown litter or debris. Volunteers may also be asked to hang informational door hangers on the houses in the neighborhoods where labels have been affixed. Finally, volunteers will be asked to keep track of the number of drains labeled and door hangers distributed.

