

**BE A
DRAIN
STORMER
Neighborhood**



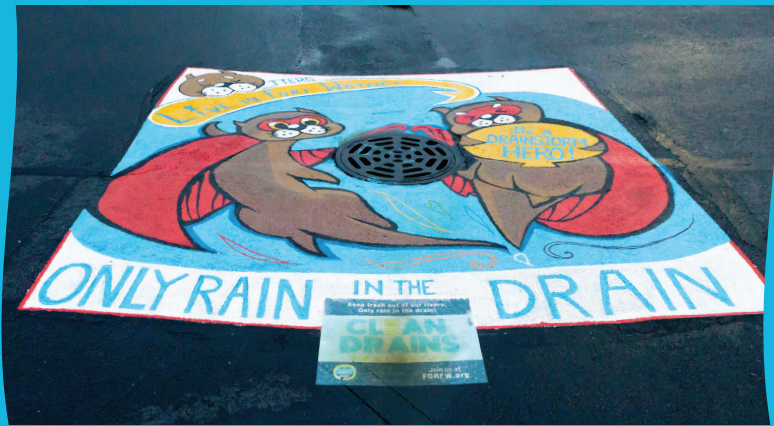
Clean Drains Fort Wayne: Be River SmART is a collaborative initiative between Friends of the Rivers and Fort Wayne City Utilities that uses art to convey the message ... only rain in the drain.

With its three rivers – St. Joe, St. Marys and Maumee – it is important that all of Fort Wayne's residents become protectors of these vital and precious natural resources. We use our rivers for both recreation and as the source for our drinking water:

If the city's system of storm drains isn't protected then trash, grass clippings, dog poop and chemicals that go down the storm drains will go directly and untreated into in our rivers.

**GET YOUR NEIGHBORS INVOLVED &
BECOME A DRAIN STORMER NEIGHBORHOOD!!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO SIGN-UP VISIT FORFW.ORG



As a **Drain Stormer Neighborhood**, you and your neighbors pledge to protect your neighborhood's storm drains and to keep them clean of trash and debris.

LOCATE, CLEAN & MARK THE STORM DRAINS

STEP 1

Locate and identify all the storm drains in your neighborhood. Visit forfw.org to get a map of your neighborhood's storm drain

STEP 2

Use the Clean & Mark materials included in your Neighborhood Drain Stormer Kit. The kit includes everything you need to mark the storm drains with special Only Rain in the Drain medallions.

STEP 3

Clean the drains and affix medallions adjacent to your neighborhood's storm drains. Medallions, glue and instructions are included in your Neighborhood Drain Stormer Kit. *For additional information on how and where to affix the storm drain medallions visit forfw.org*

STEP 4

Record the medallions that your neighborhood places on your neighborhood storm drains. Details on how to record your medallion-marked storm drains is included in your Neighborhood Drain Stormer Kit.

STEP 5

Monitor your neighborhood's storm drains and keep them clean of trash and debris.





DECORATE THE STORM DRAINS

Now that the dirty work is done, Clean Drains Fort Wayne wants you and your neighbors to get in on the fun.

Clean Drains creates artful message-oriented storm drain murals to generate awareness that we must all work together to ensure only rain in the drain.

And while local/regional artists are in your area painting the storm drains, we want you and your neighbors to get out and decorate your medallion-marked storm drains in artful ways to bring attention to the fact that what goes down the drain ends up in our rivers.

All the necessary materials and information for you and your neighbors to create chalk-designed storm-drain murals is provided in your Drain Stormer Neighborhood Kit.

And depending on where in Fort Wayne your neighborhood is located, we would like you to plan your neighborhood's storm drain clean, mark and decorate activities around the following dates:

Neighborhood Located in Northeast & Northwest*:

Clean, Mark & Decorate Storm Drains:
July 16 -24, 2022

**Note: All neighborhoods will receive their Drain Stormer Neighborhood Kits by June 30, 2022.*

Neighborhood Located in Southeast & Southwest*:

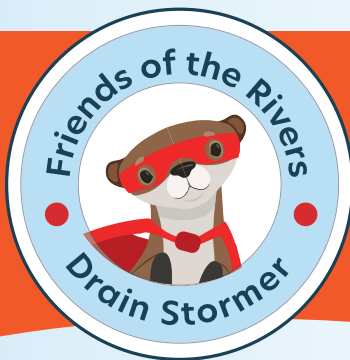
Clean, Mark & Decorate Storm Drains:
August 13 – 21, 2022

**Note: All neighborhoods will receive their Drain Stormer Neighborhood Kits by July 29, 2022.*

Downtown Neighborhood*:

Clean, Mark & Decorate Storm Drains:
September 10 -17, 2022

**Note: All neighborhoods will receive their Drain Stormer Neighborhood Kits by August 31, 2022.*



DRAIN STORMER NEIGHBORHOOD KIT INCLUDES:

- All necessary instructions & details
- Only Rain in the Drain medallions
- Special glue
- Yard signs to show your Drain Stormer Neighborhood pride
- Stickers to reward the efforts of your neighborhood's youngest residents
- Sidewalk chalk to use to decorate your neighborhood's storm drains. (For a recipe to make your own sidewalk chalk paint visit forfw.org).

For more information and to sign up as a **Drain Stormer Neighborhood** visit forfw.org

BE DRAIN STORMER Neighborhood PROUD

As an official Drain Stormer Neighborhood, you have assisted CLEAN DRAINS FORT WAYNE in generating awareness for why we must all Be River SmART.

We want to celebrate your efforts at the CLEAN DRAINS FORT WAYNE FEST on World Rivers' Day, Sunday, September 25th.

STORM THE CELEBRATION!!

WHAT: CLEAN DRAINS FORT WAYNE FEST 2022

WHEN: Sunday, September 25, 2022, 12 – 4 pm

WHERE: Promenade Park

FYI: FREE TO ALL

The afternoon will be jam-packed with family-friendly fun from live music, food trucks, riverfront activities, rides on SweetBreeze and river pontoons, games & educational opportunities and of course visits with Friendly the Otter!

The afternoon is also the perfect opportunity for CLEAN DRAINS FORT WAYNE to recognize you and your neighbors for stepping up and becoming a Drain Stormer Neighborhood!

So, gather your neighbors, from the youngest to the oldest, and start protecting your storm drains!

**CLEAN
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FORT WAYNE



Be River SmART

To learn how to **Be River SmART** and to become a Drain Stormer Neighborhood visit forfw.org

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