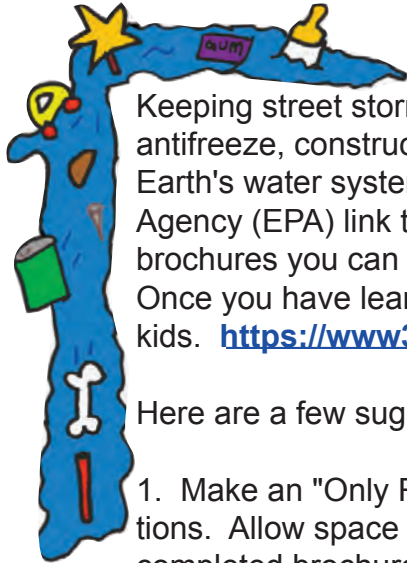


Only Rain Down the Drain!



Keeping street storm sewer drains free from poisonous pesticides, motor oil, antifreeze, construction debris and more is a major way to help keep the Earth's water systems healthy. Check out this Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) link to learn about the problem and the solutions. It includes brochures you can read and links to poster and sticker ideas for children. Once you have learned about the issue choose a project for your kids. <https://www3.epa.gov/region02/water/sewer-report-3-2011>.

Here are a few suggestions.

1. Make an "Only Rain Down the Drain" brochure listing problems and solutions. Allow space for each child to draw pictures. Ask kids to take their completed brochures home to read to family and friends. Give them a "[Defender of the Planet Award](#)" when they report that they've educated their family about the issue.

2. Check out this link:

<http://www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/stormwaterstickers.pdf>

It includes stickers with slogans. These can be used to make posters or to inspire kids to think of new ideas. Ask each child to make a poster. Next scan their posters and email them to KSE so we can put them on our web site. After posting them in your classroom or school for awhile, ask students to take them home and post them in a business where lots of people will see them. Make sure to tell the kids to ask permission from the business owner to display their posters.

3. Check out this link to learn what steps your high school students (not younger students) could do to accomplish a storm drain stenciling project in your community:

<http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/publications/adoptriver/august2002.pdf>

