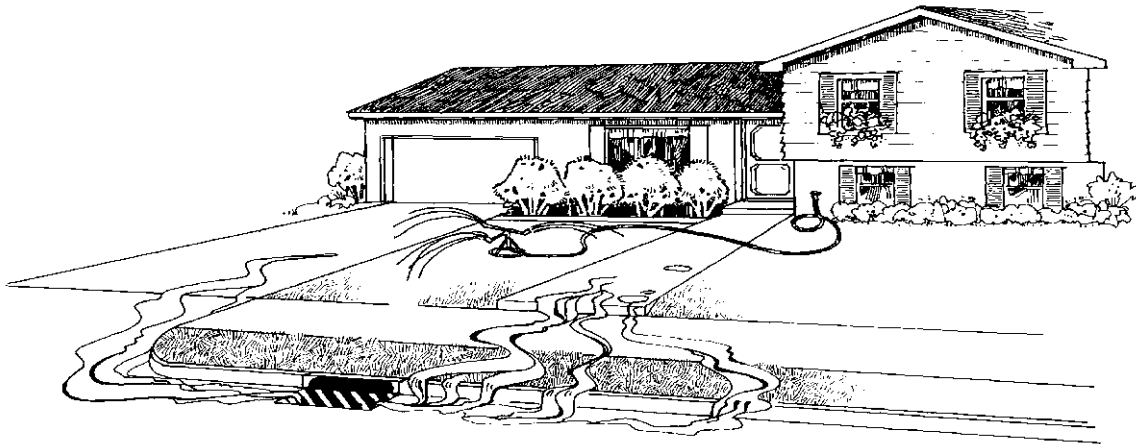


Working with Your City Government

Sometimes it is necessary to speak directly to your City Board to get permission to stencil storm drains. This is a great opportunity for you and your group to learn more about city government and decision making. Other groups have given presentations to their City Boards to gain permission to stencil. Below are a few suggestions for a presentation:

- Spray the stencil onto a piece of tag board so the City Board can see what the stencils will look like on the streets.
- Ask your students or younger members of your group to participate in the presentation.
- Explain what causes stormwater pollution (runoff from yards, parking lots etc.), and then explain that stenciling is a way to educate the community and will build awareness of stormwater pollution. Educational materials for you to hand out are available for free (see <http://www1.uwex.edu/ces/pubs/>).
- Storm Drain Stenciling is a great community-building activity.



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