

Storm Drain Painting Instructions!



We are so happy you are interested in painting storm drains with your students! After you have all your supplies and are ready to head out, watch the [Storm Drain Instructional Video](#) and read through the instructions below.

Remember - Safety first! Always stay together, follow traffic signs and road safety, wear hi-vis vests, and wear protective eye-wear, gloves and even masks to avoid paint vapours.

When you arrive at your first storm drain:

1. The **Sign Person/People** hold up the Slow-Sign and/or the Sponsor-Sign facing traffic.
2. When safe, have the **Cone Person** set out the cones in a semi-circle on the road around the storm drain. Anyone that goes on the road after this point must stay within the semi-circle.
3. The **Sweeper** cleans the area next to the storm drain. Make sure it is a large enough space for the stencil(s).
4. The **Stencil Person** places the stencil(s) in the cleaned area. Try and keep the stencils as close to the storm drain as possible. The fish can face the road or the side-walk, that is up to you.
5. The **Painter** carefully spray paints the stencil, keeping the paint can at least a can-length away from the pavement. Be mindful for the direction of the wind (you don't want to spray your pants). Always spray pointing down - never point the spray can at another person!
6. The **Cone Person** picks up the cones once the Painter is done.
7. The **Cart Person** makes sure everything is back on the cart and leads the group to the next storm drain.

Pro tips:

- Don't wear your best shoes or clothes on painting day. Chances are you'll get paint on them.
- Don't paint near parked vehicles.
- If the traffic is too busy, skip the storm drain.
- Bring a snack and water and take a break part-way through.
- Tell people what you are doing if they ask. Tell them you are being stewards and helping protect salmon and sturgeon habitat and water resources by putting these image reminders near storm drains so that people don't put anything bad down storm drains!
- **Take lots of photos!** Please send some along to info@nechakowhitesturgeon.org so that we can share them on our website and social media to promote the good work you are doing!

To get set-up with supplies or if you have questions contact the NWSRI Coordinator:

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