



Pollutants entering into storm drains are not processed, therefore they flow directly to our creeks and lakes.

## Be safe!

- ▶ High visibility vests are required at all times. In areas of poor visibility or high volume, use a traffic control person, or equipment (e.g. pylons).
- ▶ The paint provided in the Yellow Fish Road kits is non-toxic and ecologically safe, but must be handled in a safe manner around children and storm drains.

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## Details

Storm drains are grates on the sides of the road that pollutants from the roads, driveways and buildings drain into when it rains. Storm drains are not connected to our Waste Water Treatment Facility and therefore pollutants such as gas, oil, antifreeze, salt and sand do not get treated. As a result, these pollutants flow directly to our creeks and lakes.

Painting yellow fish will remind people not to dump anything down these drains, or let their oil or gas leak into the drains from our vehicles.

## Procedure

An adult is required to supervise each group in order to ensure safety around vehicles. Only paint storm drains on roads that are not too busy with vehicle traffic. Residential areas are ideal and the message painted educates neighbours.

Remind participants to not paint anything except the stencil by the storm drains. The paint is not for graffiti.

Position the stencil so that you can see it from the sidewalk. This will allow people to see it when they ride their bikes, rollerblade or walk. Remind participants to be careful and use only a small amount of paint so that it does not run.

If you have any questions or would like a Yellow Fish Road Kit, please contact the City of Kelowna at 250-469-8500 or submit a Service Request at [kelowna.ca](http://kelowna.ca).

## How to paint a yellow fish

- ▶ Open Yellow Fish Road kit.
- ▶ Put on a safety vest & place pylons.
- ▶ Take the whisk brush and clean all of the sand and gravel from around the storm drain.
- ▶ Tape the plastic bag over the drain.

- ▶ Put on a pair of surgical gloves.
- ▶ Lay the fish stencil on the pavement or curb next to the storm drain & tape down.
- ▶ Using the can opener from the kit, remove the paint lid.
- ▶ Using the paint brush provided, apply a liberal amount of paint to the centre of the fish stencil.
- ▶ Paint from the outside of the stencil edges into the middle of the fish cutout space, this will prevent paint from creeping under the stencil edges. Each stencil should last up to ten yellow fish paintings.
- ▶ Place lid back on the paint can and gently tap the edges with the butt of the brush to seal it.
- ▶ Place the paint brush in a sandwich bag to avoid paint contaminating the rest of the kit & be sure to clean the brush well (with soap and water) before returning the kit. Do not rinse into storm drains.
- ▶ Use paper towel to wipe up any spills.
- ▶ Remove the plastic bag from storm drain and return it to the kit, or throw it away, if it has been heavily soiled.

## How to hang yellow fish door hangers

(Optional)

- ▶ Students should be paired up for safety reasons. While three students are painting the storm drains, the other two students can be hanging door hangers.
- ▶ Students should be instructed to place the door hanger over the knob of the front door. Do not knock on the door. If there is a gate between the curb and the door, ensure you close the gate on the way out. If there is a dog in the yard, avoid contact. Never enter anyone's home and do not engage in debate about the program. Always be polite and respectful.