

STORMWATER INLET MARKING (SWIM) PROGRAM MEDALLION APPLICATION TRAINING

Keeping Lake Conroe Clean

- One of the highest quality waterbodies
- Meets all of the Clean Water Acts standards
- Our community actions play a big role in preserving our high water quality



It Starts with Our Actions!

- Proper disposal of pet waste
- Pick up trash and don't litter
- Dispose of chemicals and oils properly
- Correct application of fertilizer, pesticides, and herbicides
- Proper construction site stormwater management







Drains to the Lake

The water that flows down our streets and into the drains flows directly into the lake without being filtered or treated.



Watershed Protection Plan

- Created in 2015
- Purpose:
 - Monitor water quality
 - Reduce problems from future growth
 - Educate the public



Stormwater Inlet Marking (SwIM) Program

- Used all across the nation as an educational tool for watershed protection.
- Community Involvement
 - The SwIM program consist of volunteers applying permanent medallions to mark the storm drains in neighborhoods around Lake Conroe



Volunteer Opportunity

Choose you neighborhood

- The neighborhood must drain into Lake Conroe
- The streets must have curb and gutters instead of ditches
- The size of the neighborhood must be appropriate to the volunteer team size
- A team of 2-4 people can usually apply 40 medallions in a half day
- SJRA will help you in determining size of neighborhood and amount of storm drains to mark based on your team
- Submit your application documents
 - All groups participating in the SwIM program must submit an application package with a waiver form, which can be obtained online at one or by contacting the SJRA Lake Conroe Division at (936) 588-1111

SwIM Kit

- Each volunteer group will be supplies with SwIM Kits
- Each kit has all the supplies needed and the proper safety attire to apply the Swim Markers:
 - Non-latex gloves
 - Safety cones
 - Safety vests
 - Wire Brush
 - Caulk Gun
 - Adhesive
 - Medallions
 - Buckets





SwIM Medallion Installation

Safety First

- An adult must accompany every group
- Safety vests and gloves must be worn
- Safety cones must be used
- One person look out



Prepare the Application Area

- Use the provided wire brush to clean the application area.
 - The application area will be the center of the stormwater inlet.





Applying Medallions





- Medallions should be applied near the center of the storm outlet
- Apply adhesive to the back (silver side) of the medallion in a circular pattern
- Only apply medallions to concrete and not the metal man-hole covers
- Place medallion with the words readable from the road firmly onto cleaned area

Mapping Storm Inlet Locations

- A mobile app can be used to collect the location of the inlet
 - Free, downloadable app
 - 100% voluntary
 - Helps to build a dataset of storm inlets around Lake Conroe for future mapping



Mapping Storm Inlet Locations

- The mobile app:
 - Finds your location
 - Uses aerial imagery
 - Lets the user drop a pin on the storm inlet location
- If you volunteer to collect data using your phone
 - Instructions & demonstration will be provided



Questions??