



## Headwaters To Ocean

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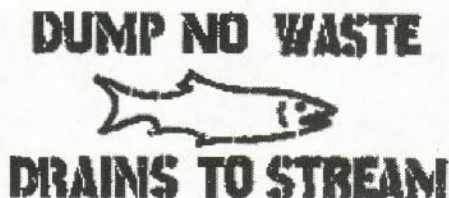
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## Paint the streets and help your rivers!

H2O, in partnership with City of Portland Environmental Services, coordinates community service volunteers for SDS. What is SDS? Storm Drain Stenciling! Painting a sign near a storm drain that says, "dump no waste - drains to stream." The stencil serves as a visual reminder that what ends up on our streets or in our storm drains washes into the river. Yuck!



You and your group can stencil drains from April to October, so long as you can find two dry days back to back. Contact us any time of year to reserve a stenciling kit for your group. You provide the people power; we provide the orientation and the tools. To make

the stakes interesting, H2O is offering a free two-hour boat tour on the *Captain Conner* to the group that stencils the most storm drains.

Last year, volunteers stenciled more than 4,000 drains! Piedmont and Sunnyside Neighborhood Associations were impressive and motivated, doing 187 and 205 storm drains respectively. "HandsOn Portland" volunteers answered the challenge with a whopping 240 drains over two Saturdays. All of the scout troops and campfire boys and girls worked hard too, as did school groups, led by inspiring teachers who took the time to involve their students in a hands-on project that made a difference. The champion, however, was a tough competitor. After keeping close tabs on the numbers, the AmeriCorps field team known as the Supa Dupa Soopalalies made several stenciling outings to eclipse the record and get the gold. This 9-member EnviroCorps team, energized by former H2O AmeriCorps volunteer Rachel Sanchez, stenciled a stellar 460 storm drains! Reports were they relaxed and enjoyed their free boat cruise, and left no painted messages anywhere aboard. Thank you to everyone who participated!

For more information about SDS or to get your group scheduled to stencil, send us an [email](#). There's also an SDS hotline at 503-228-9600.

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**CURRENT STENCILERS:** [report back to us](#) telling how many stencils you did and where you did them.