



Town of Apex, North Carolina

STORM DRAIN MARKING GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

Request for permission to conduct inlet marking on streets owned by the Town of Apex (Town) should meet the following criteria:

1. Only the drain markers supplied by the Town are to be attached to drain inlets. Any other messages, political or otherwise are forbidden.
2. The preferred location for the inlet marker is on top of the metal inlet hood itself. If this is not feasible, the marker should be located in the curb section (the light colored concrete portion) in front of the grate for Town type catch basins (5' long metal hood) or in the curb section to the side of NCDOT inlets (3' long metal hood) which have grates in the curb section itself.
3. The marker should be oriented so that pedestrian traffic can read the message. In no case should the marker be placed on the sidewalk. If no sidewalks are present, then the marker may be oriented so that it may be read from the center of the road.
4. Do not attach markers to catch basins or curb areas which are found to have any type of paint on them already. Several other programs require the painting of drainage structures and these markings must not be defaced.
5. The preferred location of storm drain markers is on neighborhood (two-lane) streets. Major arterial streets are dangerous locations for the application of the markers and are unlikely locations for illicit dumping. Application of the storm drain markers must not be done on busy streets unless the work can be completed from behind the curb without encroaching on the roadway area used by vehicles. Any individuals involved in the project that are near the roadway shall always wear a safety vest (supplied by the Town).
6. A map illustrating the boundary of the area or a complete list of the streets which will be included in the project must be provided to the Town. Only Town owned streets are to be included in the project. The Town will assist in determining if any streets may be private or State-owned.
7. Flat shovels may be needed to clean off the area where the storm drain marker is to be applied since grass and dirt often accumulate on the top of inlets and in curb sections. A whisk broom would help remove loose debris.
8. The Town requests that participants in storm drain marking activities be at least 10 years of age with no more than 4 children under 18 per adult and a minimum of 1 adult per team or crew. Teams must consist of at least 2 individuals (one to apply the marker and a second person to watch traffic). *A release and indemnity agreement will have to be signed by each adult, and by a parent or guardian for each child under 18.* The adult or supervisor of each team/crew should monitor traffic to warn others of any foreseeable danger while they are working.
9. Volunteers handling the supplied marker adhesive and storm drain markers should wear disposable gloves (supplied by the Town).
10. A request to mark storm drain inlets within Town-owned streets should be submitted at least 3 weeks prior to the date the activity is to take place.

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