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Help us spread the word: “It’s All Connected”

School children, volunteers, even the mayor has done it. Done what? Install long-lasting markers that exclaim “Don’t Pollute - Drains to Waterways!” on storm drain inlets in Bend. If you haven’t already seen some of the colorful, four-inch round markers with pictures of fish, fowl, swimmers, and a drinking water glass in the middle, you soon may.

“Both our Stormwater Quality Public Advisory Group and City staff felt that the ‘Don’t Pollute’ message and design were important for Bend because stormwater here either flows directly to our river or into the ground through drywells or drill holes towards our drinking water supplies, often without treatment,” said City of Bend Stormwater Program Manager Wendy Edde. “This marking program is an important part of our ‘It’s All Connected’ outreach campaign to help people realize where our stormwater goes and the importance of keeping it clean.”

For more information on how you can mark storm drains or otherwise volunteer, contact Bend Beautification Program Volunteer Coordinator Cheryl Howard at 541-815-5558 or howard@bendcable.com. For questions regarding the City’s stormwater program, contact Wendy Edde at 541-317-3018 or wedde@ci.bend.or.us.

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