

EMMITSBURG GRANT

In April 2019, the Town of Emmitsburg was awarded a \$3,000.00 grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust. The grant funding will be used to purchase supplies in order to start a storm drain-marking program. The purpose of the program is to raise public awareness that storm drains directly or indirectly connect to local water bodies that ultimately lead to the Chesapeake Bay. Our hope is that the storm drain-marking program will discourage the dumping of materials down storm drains, which will prevent pollution and improve water quality.

We thank the Chesapeake Bay Trust for their generous contribution to our Town!



THE CHESAPEAKE BAY TRUST

The Chesapeake Bay Trust is a nonprofit grant-making organization dedicated to improving the watersheds of the Chesapeake Bay. Created in 1985 by the Maryland General Assembly, their goal is to increase stewardship through grant programs, special initiatives, and partnerships that support K-12 environmental education, on-the-ground watershed restoration, community engagement, and the underlying science of these three realms. Through their grants, the Trust engages hundreds of thousands of students and volunteers in projects that have a measurable impact on the natural resources of our region. Their goal is simple: they believe that getting residents involved is key to restoring the Chesapeake Bay. To learn how you can take action, visit www.cbtrust.org.

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Only Rain in the Drain!



Town of Emmitsburg Storm Drain Marking Program





WHY IS STORM WATER RUNOFF A PROBLEM?

As storm water flows along streets, it picks up trash, leaves, pet waste, car fuels and other pollutants like excess lawn fertilizers and pesticides. This adds up to a lot of pollution to the Chesapeake Bay. Did you know that **110,000 pounds** of dog waste are left on Frederick County streets, yards, and sidewalks every year?



ONLY RAIN IN THE DRAIN!

You may see volunteers in your neighborhood putting special markers on storm drains as a reminder to residents that the only thing that should go into storm drains is rainwater. Please do not pour or dispose of anything into storm drains. Remember, all storm drains in Frederick County eventually lead to the Chesapeake Bay. Please contact the Town Planner at 301-600-6309 if you wish to volunteer.

What is storm water?

Storm water runoff occurs when precipitation from rain or snowmelt flows over the ground. Impervious surfaces like driveways, sidewalks, and streets prevent storm water from naturally soaking into the ground.

DO YOUR PART TO KEEP OUR STREAMS CLEAN FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS!

You can make a difference!

- Use lawn chemicals and pesticides sparingly.
- Recycle used motor oil and paint or dispose of it at a hazardous waste site.
- Pick up pet waste, and dispose of it in the trash.
- Compost or recycle yard waste when possible.
- Repair auto leaks.
- Wash your car on the lawn with phosphate-free soap or at a commercial car wash.
- Direct downspouts away from hard surfaces.
- Never dump anything down a storm drain that you would not swim in or drink; only rain in the drain!

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