



City of Safety Harbor Storm Drain Mural Program



Image courtesy of City of Clearwater

Overview:

The City of Safety Harbor is excited to present our Storm Drain Mural Program. We welcome our residents, students, artists, and civic groups to apply to paint their own storm drain mural. In addition to their artistic value, painted storm drains will serve a very important educational purpose by addressing the quality of stormwater that flows through our piped stormwater system and into our creeks, ditches, ponds, and the bay. Now is your opportunity to help others learn that trash, leaves, grass clippings, and chemicals do not belong in the City's storm drains. The water that flows through Safety Harbor's storm drains goes directly into Old Tampa Bay, sometimes without prolonged treatment. This messaging is essential to prevent illicit discharges of waste in storm drains and pivotal to maintaining safe, clean oceans and beaches.

To encourage residents, volunteers, and students to get involved; the City of Safety Harbor will provide the needed supplies free to participating groups. Materials the City of Safety Harbor will provide safety vests, traffic cones, up to two pre-made stencils (if requested), a wire brush, traffic rated paint (red, black, blue, white, and yellow), paint brushes, sidewalk chalk for outlining mural, rubber gloves, tarps to protect the pavement from paint, additional mixing containers, a bucket for soaking brushes, paint rollers, paint rolling trays, sealant, and painters tape. Some materials will be required to be returned to the City following mural completion. Materials participants will provide include water for soaking brushes, trash bags, paper towels, and towels to kneel on while painting (if desired).



So, you or your group have decided to become an Environmental Superhero! The following are the steps you'll need to take to paint your very own Storm Drain Mural.

Steps:

1. Select a City-owned storm drain to paint. We recommend you choose a primary and secondary storm drain just in case the primary storm drain is not approved. Only one mural per application. Consider storm drains that will be most visible or will have the most impact. Remember to think about the layout of your design when you select a storm drain. For instance, some storm drains have manhole covers. If one of these sites is selected, your design will have to incorporate them accordingly. Additionally, you may also consider orienting your mural so that it faces the sidewalk instead of the street so that more passersby can enjoy it. The location and condition of the drain you select may affect the City's decision to approve the application. We will work with you to ensure a safe and appropriate drain is selected. If you notice any crumbling or broken storm drains while scouting for sites, please report this to the City at (727) 724-1550 so we may make a work order for storm drain repair.

When scouting for potential mural locations you may see lids with reflective paint, protective metal angle/flushing, bollards, or reflective delineators installed. These storm drains are not good candidates for murals as they are frequently damaged.



2. Create a design that incorporates an environmentally conscious, ocean friendly theme. Storm drain murals **must** include language promoting watershed preservation, ocean friendliness, litter prevention, and/or proper water quality. This language must be selected from the following list:

- A. "A Healthy Gulf Starts Here"
- B. "Only Rain Down This Drain"
- C. "H2Only"
- D. "Keep it clean, we are all downstream"
- E. "Help a manatee and humanity! Only rain down this drain"
- F. "Keep it clean to keep our oceans pristine"
- G. "I Lead to the Ocean"
- H. "Safety Harbor Deserves Clear Water"
- I. "Keep Safety Harbor Bright and Beautiful"

If you'd like to know which body of water your specific storm drain flows to so that you may incorporate that into your message, please email Colin Bartholomew, Public Works Program Coordinator, at cbartholomew@cityofsafetyharbor.com.



3. Decide whether you want to include any stencils in your design. While stenciled art is easier to apply, freehand murals can be more creative and eye-catching. If you decide to use stencils in your project you have a couple options. You can borrow up to two pre-made stencils per application, or you can provide your own stencils. Either option must be included in the request on your mural application. If you happen to have a personal stencil you would like to donate to the program following the completion of your storm drain mural painting, please contact the City. Stencils provided by the City are listed below.

Stencil I.D List

1. Catfish (6"x6")
2. Trout (6"x6")
3. Bass (6"x6")
4. Seahorse (4"x10")
5. Dolphins (8"x10")
6. Manatee (4"x10")
7. "Dumping here pollutes our bay" (2" letters)
8. Turtles (variety)
9. "Only Rain Down The Drain"
10. Frog



Combination of stencil and mural (Image courtesy of City of Clearwater)

4. Once a draft of your design is complete you can start the application process. To obtain an application you can contact the Public Works Program Coordinator at cbartholomew@cityofsafetyharbor.com. Please allow two weeks for your application and mural allocation to be reviewed. Public Works staff will work with you to ensure an appropriate location

is selected for your mural. The primary applicant is responsible for obtaining approval of all residents, HOA, and/or businesses adjacent to the mural.

5. Once your application is approved, the Public Works Department will inspect your selected storm drain and remove any existing storm drain placards from your selected site to make room for your design. This is also when the storm drain will be cleaned, the filter sock installed, and traffic cones placed on-site by the City. It will be important to plan and communicate your anticipated painting day accordingly. Upon approval you have three weeks to complete the mural. You (the Primary Contact) will be notified via email when your site is ready.

6. E-mail cbartholomew@cityofsafetyharbor.com to request your supplies, including the date you would like to pick up the materials from the City of Safety Harbor's Public Works Department, located at 1200 Railroad Ave. Pick up must be on a weekday between 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Supplies may be checked out for up to three weeks. Note: If supplies are already reserved during your requested period, the City's Stormwater Division Representative will work with you to find a different check-out period. The City will work diligently on scheduling to try not to overbook material check-outs, however, materials must be returned in a timely fashion.

7. Install your art piece:

- A. Plan to paint on a day that is above 50 degrees, with no wind or rain. Ensure that the drain lid you'll be painting is completely dry before you start. Don't paint if it is likely to rain the following day. It typically takes 3-4 hours to complete a storm drain mural and, in some cases, groups have split the work up over several days so plan accordingly leaving plenty of time for installation.
- B. Set up the City provided traffic cones around the area you plan to paint, in the roadway.
- C. Please ensure the storm drain filter stays in front of stormwater drain to prevent debris or liquid from entering the drain. If something does enter the drain, contact Public Works immediately.
- D. Thoroughly scrub the area you plan to paint with a wire brush to remove dirt and dust. This will increase the longevity and vibrancy of your work.
- E. If you've decided to do a freehand mural, use sidewalk chalk to draw the outlines of your design. Use painter's tape to mark off the area so that when you paint no paint leaves the designated area. If you've decided to do a stenciling project, tape your stencil down to hold it in place and to make sure that paint does not get outside the stenciled area.
- F. Provided paint only comes in red, yellow, blue, white, and black but you may mix to achieve desired colors.

- G. Paint your design, being careful not to use too much paint or to get any paint down the storm drain or in the road. If too much paint is applied to a stencil, it will run underneath the stencil and blur the design. Remember, more paint can always be added but it is difficult to take any away.
- H. Leave the cones up until the paint has dried. It should take less than an hour to be dry to the touch but wait a few hours to take the cones down and walk on it.
- I. Once your mural is completely dry, apply a single coat of sealant to help your mural last longer.
- J. Make sure to thoroughly clean your work site, leaving no litter or waste behind. It is critical that any wastewater is disposed of properly and not down the storm drain. If paint enters the stormwater system, contact the Public Works office at (727) 724-1550 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or call (727) 727-1555 after hours, weekends and holidays (follow the automated prompts).

8. Submit photos of your completed design to cbartholomew@cityofsafetyharbor.com before returning your supplies. You will receive a confirmation email within a few days letting you know if the completed mural is approved. We will also arrange a time and date for you to return the mural kit to the Public Works Complex, located at 1200 Railroad Ave. Drop off must be on a weekday between 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Please ensure that all necessary items are accounted for, paint cans have been properly resealed, and any used painting supplies have been properly disposed of before returning the supplies to the City of Safety Harbor's Public Works Department. If you made your own stencils, consider donating them so other groups may have the opportunity to use them, too. If you have any suggestions for improvements to this process, please let us know.

9. Continue being an excellent steward of your storm drain by retouching your design as necessary, removing any debris that clogs your drain, and reporting any other issues with your drain to the City of Safety Harbor's Public Works Department at (727) 724-1550. If our maintenance crews notice that a mural is looking a little worse for the wear, we'll email the project lead to request that the mural be retouched. The primary applicant must continue to maintain the storm drain mural for two (2) years from the date of the City's approval of the finished painting. Following the two (2) years, the storm drain can be re-entered into the City's inventory of storm drains that can be painted.

Contact Information:

Colin Bartholomew - Program Coordinator – (727) 724-1550, ext. 2003
cbartholomew@cityofsafetyharbor.com

Jamie Ahrens – Assistant Public Works Director – (727) 724-1550, ext. 2008
cahrens@cityofsafetyharbor.com



Storm Drain Mural Application

Primary Contact Information

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Secondary Contact Information

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Additional Information

Projected Start Date: _____

- Project must be completed within 3 weeks of an approved application. Application approval will be submitted via email to the Primary Contact listed above.

Project Address: _____

- One (1) mural per application.

Alternate Project Address: _____

Will any Service Hours be documented during this project? If so, please include the necessary forms with this completed application. *Circle the appropriate response below.*

- Yes No

Stencils may be available in addition to the basic mural kit. These must be cleaned and returned upon project completion. Up to two (2) stencils may be included in the mural kit, please provide the I.D. numbers of the stencils :

Additional stencils may be purchased and/or made by the applicant. Please provide a description of the stencil and attach a photo to this application for approval. *To better promote the Storm Drain Mural Program please consider donating any additional approved stencils.:*

- If approved, Applicant will not be permitted to paint over any part of the roadway.

Initial _____

- The City of Safety Harbor reserves the right to use/post images of any mural/artwork in connection to this application.

Initial _____

- Applicant must agree to maintain (not change) any mural/artwork in connection to this application for a minimum of 2 years. This may require touch ups and/or sealing.

Initial _____

- All artwork in connection to this application must incorporate an environmentally conscious, ocean friendly theme. Murals must include language promoting water shed preservation, water quality improvement, ocean friendliness or litter prevention. Applicant must select this language from the list of prescribed selections on the following page. Applicant may not use any other language.

Initial _____

- *The artwork is unique and original and does not infringe upon any protected patent, trademark, or copyright.*

Initial _____

- *The artwork is solely owned by the artist and is free and clear of any liens from any source whatsoever.*

Initial _____

- The Primary applicant is responsible for obtaining approval of all residents, HOA, and/or businesses adjacent to the mural. Space is provided below for the necessary documentation.

Initial _____

- Under no circumstances is the Applicant permitted to dispose of wastewater or trash in the storm drain.

Initial _____

- The City reserves the right to change, modify, remove, replace, repair, or restore the artwork on storm drains.

Initial _____

- Upon completion of the project the Applicant is required to submit photos of the finished project to the City of Safety Harbor's Storm Drain Mural Project Coordinator. Completed photos must be submitted within 3 weeks of application approval.

Initial _____

- Items to be returned in the kit include any unused paint, clean/unused brushes, clean rollers/roller handles, paint trays, wire brush, tape, unused mixing containers, bucket, any stencils issued, and all safety vests. The City will pick up the cones and the drain sock.

Initial _____

Please note the location of the manhole lid and/or grate in the rendering. If the lid is to be painted as part of the mural this must also be documented in the rendering.

Please provide the "environmental message" you are to include in the mural below. You may select any language from the following list:

- A. "A Healthy Gulf Starts Here"
- B. "Only Rain Down This Drain"
- C. "H2Only"
- D. "Keep it clean, we are all downstream"
- E. "Help a manatee and humanity! Only rain down this drain"
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Please provide a basic rendering of the mural you are painting in the space below:

As stated above, all adjacent residents, HOA, and/or businesses are required to approve of the mural referenced in this application. If applicable, please provide the required information below.

1.) Name (*Print and Sign*): _____

Address: _____

2.) Name (*Print and Sign*): _____

Address: _____

3.) Name (*Print and Sign*): _____

Address: _____

4.) Name (*Print and Sign*): _____

Address: _____

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Storm Drain Mural Painting Supplies

If you are mixing paints to create different shade of one color or colors (green, orange, pink, etc.) please mix small amounts of paint to avoid over mixing or over utilizing one color. Any unmixed and unused paints should be returned to the original receptacle of the corresponding color.

Please ensure the storm drain filter stays in front of stormwater drain to prevent debris or liquids from entering the drain.

You are allowed to paint the metal lid on the drain. However, keep in mind that anything painted may be misaligned if the cover is moved. Painting an image that is half on the cover may cause misalignment when routine maintenance is done to the drain.

After completion of the project, contact a **City of Safety Harbor Stormwater Division Representative** and arrange to drop off the mural kit. Please ensure that all necessary items are included, paint cans have been properly resealed, and any used paint rollers have been properly disposed of before returning the supplies to the City of Safety Harbor's Public Works Department, located at 1200 Railroad Ave. Drop off must be on a weekday between 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. If you have made your own stencils, consider donating them so other groups can use them, too. The returned kit shall include the following items: unused/clean brushes, unused rollers, roller handles, paint trays, wire brush, tape, unused mixing containers and paint trays, bucket, any stencils issued, and all safety vests. The City will pick up the cones and the drain sock.

Mural Kit includes (*kit contents are subject to change – notations will be made on this form):

2 units	Paint trays
3 units	Roller pads
2 units	Roller handles
3 units	ANSI safety vests
2 units	Premade stencils (if requested)
1 unit	Wire brush
1 quart each	White, Blue Black, Red, and Yellow
1 can	Sealant
1 unit each	Sidewalk chalk, tarp, bucket, painter's tape
5 units	Paint brushes
6 units	Quart containers for mixing paint

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature: _____ **Phone No.:** _____