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Storm Drain Mural Project

Storm drains are the mouths to our waterways. Every time it rains, **stormwater runoff** flows over surfaces like driveways, sidewalks, streets, and parking lots. Stormwater runoff acts like a magnet, and picks up **trash** (example: plastic bags and cigarettes), **chemicals** (example: oil and fertilizer), and other **pollutants** (example: pet waste) before flowing into storm drains. Storm drains transport stormwater runoff directly into our **streams, rivers, wetlands, and ocean**. Polluted stormwater runoff can harm plants, animals, and people.

Murals are large paintings, usually done on walls. We are going to paint a **storm drain mural** at our school! By painting our storm drains, we are reminding our teachers, schoolmates, and neighbors that **our streets are connected to our water**.

Brainstorm!

Look at the examples of storm drain murals from other communities and draw your own idea! What message do you have for members of your school community?

