



Yellow Fish Road™ program

Painting activity information in Waterloo



Since 1991 Trout Unlimited Canada's award winning Yellow Fish Road™ program has been Canada's premier water education program specifically targeted to reduce water pollution. TUC's Yellow Fish Road™ program educates Canadians that storm drains are the doorways to our rivers, lakes and streams. Anything that goes down road storm drains - including road salt, dirt, household chemicals and fertilizer – can reduce water quality and harm fish, wildlife and humans. Participants learn that together we can prevent pollutants from entering our storm drains and protect Canada's water.



The City of Waterloo partners with [Trout Unlimited Canada](#) to present the Yellow Fish Road™ program. Under this initiative, volunteer participants paint yellow-fish symbols beside storm drains and distribute fish-shaped brochures to nearby households. Doing so reminds people that what we put down road storm drains goes untreated into our creeks, rivers and lakes.

Refer to Trout Unlimited Canada's Program Guide for program information and your role as a Group Leader (must be 18 years of age or older).

Orientation

An orientation checklist is reviewed with the Group Leader upon pick up of supplies to ensure an understanding of safety and responsibilities. Please call in advance to arrange a ½ hour orientation during business hours (Monday to Friday between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

What to wear for safety

- closed-toe footwear that is fully laced to provide full support and to prevent accidents
- regulation-approved safety vests when working within street boulevards
- provided cloth gloves to avoid exposure to hazard of injury from contact of skin with a sharp or jagged object which may puncture, cut or abrade the skin and vinyl gloves when handling latex paint



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Safe work procedures in Waterloo

- schedule your activity during daylight hours (1 hour before sunrise or 1 hour before sunset)
- YFR paintings should occur within subdivisions *not* on four-lane streets
- if the storm drain is at the end of a resident's driveway, avoid painting this drain
- avoid painting near manhole covers (circular and usually located in the *middle* of the road); instead paint fish on the top (or side) of curb near the storm drain (square and located on the *side* of the road)
- all participants must wear regulation-approved safety vests and remain on the grassed boulevard and avoid stepping onto the roadway
- finish one complete side of the road before crossing to the other side; avoid having groups directly across from each other
- avoid picking up Sharps defined as any device having rigid corners or edges or projections capable of causing a cut, puncture or abrasion. Sharps include but are not limited to hypodermic needles/syringes, blades, pointed edged tools, knives, scalpels, probes, sharp metal, broken glass, clinical glass (possibly contaminated with bodily fluids or chemicals)
- suspend activities when weather conditions become inclement (such as heavy fog, smog, thunderstorms) or when the temperature is below 10 degrees Celsius

Volunteer Agreement

- Trout Unlimited Canada requires that the Group Leader sign the Trout Unlimited Canada Volunteer Agreement (TUC Program Guide, *page 13*), prior to implementing the Yellow Fish Road™ activity
- Group Leader is responsible for following the procedures outlined in the Program Guide and supervising group participants. As volunteer participants for Trout Unlimited Canada's Yellow Fish Road™ Program, your group will be covered by Trout Unlimited Canada's general liability insurance for the date(s) of the storm drain marking activity



Submit statistics and return your kit

- enter results from the Stenciling Record form into Trout Unlimited Canada's on-line Storm Drain Data (www.tucanada.org/yellow-fish-road)
- return the Stenciling Record with the painting kit to the City of Waterloo