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### PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

From: Richmond Sanitary District  
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For use: Immediately through December 31, 2013

#### PSA: The Storm Drain

You see the drain grate there at the curb, in the street, and in parking lots. What does it do and why is it there? We have been taught that it is a sewer and over time we may have come to think of it as a place to dump unwanted materials, thinking that in the end it would go to a treatment plant and be “cleaned.”

Unfortunately this is not the case and what is dumped down those drain grates is polluting our environment. Those drain grates you see are placed in strategic locations to remove rainfall and snowmelt quickly to prevent flooding. They are not open sewers to pour or toss unwanted materials. Be a friend to the environment and keep it clean and healthy for future generations. Take old, unwanted hazardous items such as old paint, lawn chemicals, and solvents to the HHW facility at the New Paris Pike Landfill for proper disposal. Throw your trash, pet waste, and litter items in the garbage. Recycle and reuse materials to keep them out of the landfill. Take old electronics to local collection days so they too are properly processed.

Remember: **ONLY RAIN IN THE STORM DRAIN** – anything else is a pollutant.

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