

Yellow Fish Road™ Program

The Yellow Fish Road™ Program educates the community about the dangers of dumping or flushing unwanted household hazardous wastes into the roadside and backyard storm drainage inlets called catch basins.

Polluting practices such as dumping soaps, cleaners, used motor oil and other automotive fluids, paint, and solvents can harm fish and wildlife and reduce the quality of our drinking water. Most people are unaware that water flowing into storm sewers flows untreated into local watercourses, and eventually into Lake Ontario. A common misconception is that storm water is treated at a sewage treatment plant - it's not!

The Yellow Fish Road™ Program is a hands-on environmental project that allows people to make a difference by helping to educate community members about water pollution. Trout Unlimited Canada introduced the Yellow Fish Road Program™ in Calgary in May 1991. Since then, more than 220 communities across Canada, including Mississauga, have approved or implemented this water quality initiative.

The Yellow Fish Road™ Program volunteers in Mississauga paint yellow fish stencils on curbs next to roadside catch basins and distribute fish-shaped brochures to nearby households. These activities educate residents how to dispose of unwanted household products in an environmentally-responsible way, and not to dump them down a storm drain.

To register, email stormwater@mississauga.ca.