



CITY OF BRANSON

110 W. Maddux
Branson, MO 65616
417-337-8548

tmartin@bransonmo.gov

NEWS RELEASE

Date: January 6, 2016

Contact: Mona Menezes, Environmental Specialist, 337- 8566

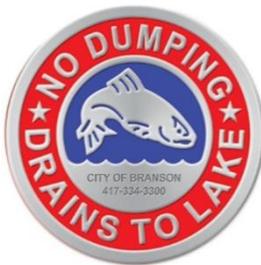
Cub Scouts Protect Water Quality

“Dump No Waste, Drains to Stream” metal markers were installed by Cub Scout Pack 226 to help protect water quality. This project on Branson Hills Parkway was sponsored by the City of Branson, and is part of an ongoing effort which has marked 695 storm drains so far with the “Dump No Waste” message.



All storm drains in Branson lead to Lake Taneycomo.

People sometimes mistakenly use storm drains as a means to dispose of paint, motor oil, cooking grease, yard waste and other pollutants. Stormwater is not filtered or processed through a treatment plant, so anything that washes down a storm drain, streets and gutters goes directly to the lake, including pollutants such as cigarette butts, car wash soap, litter, pesticides and fertilizers from lawns or landscaped areas.



More volunteers are encouraged to take part by calling the City of Branson at 337-8566. All materials are provided.

Residents of Branson and all of Taney County who wish to dispose of household chemicals such as used motor oil, pesticides, cleaning products, oil-based paints, antifreeze and other common home chemicals, are encouraged to dispose of those items at the Branson Household Chemical Collection Center by calling 337-8566 for an appointment.

The City of Branson must meet state requirements to protect the water quality of local lakes and streams, and educating citizens helps reduce the amount of pollution entering local water bodies.

###