



City of Goshen

STORMWATER TOOLBOX

Public Works & Utilities

Department of Stormwater

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Interesting Fact

Americans spill 180 million gallons of used oil into our waters each year. This is 16 times the amount spilled by the Exxon Valdez in Alaska in 1989.



My Vehicle is Leaking...



You're out on the job, and you notice a drip or puddle coming from the underside of your vehicle or equipment or an oil sheen on water or wet pavement around your City vehicle or equipment. You may be busy with the task at hand and you may not think much about that drop, puddle, or oil sheen,

but **one drop** of oil can contaminate **one million drops** of water, which holds true for **one gallon** of oil can contaminate **one million gallons** of water. Therefore, that drop, puddle, or oil sheen can have a big impact on our local water quality if quick action is not taken to contain and cleanup the leak or spill.

A **spill** is defined as any unexpected, unintended, abnormal, or unapproved dumping, leakage, drainage, seepage, discharge, or other loss of oil, gasoline, antifreeze, hydraulic fluids, etc. onto the pavement, the ground, into the water, or into a drain that does not lead to a wastewater treatment plant.



Automotive fluids are an issue because they are insoluble in water, which means they do not dissolve. They are also not biodegradable, so they will stay in the environment for a long time and stick to anything it touches, which includes wildlife and plant life. Most automotive fluids are made from petroleum, a chemical that is toxic to animals, plants, and people.



When an automotive fluid leaks from your car onto roads and driveways it gets washed down a storm drain which flows directly to a local waterway untreated.



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...Here is What You Do

When a spill occurs, employees are responsible for taking appropriate measures to minimize the discharge and reduce the damage to property and the environment. Here are some steps to follow if you ever find yourself with a leaking vehicle:

1. Immediately stop the spread of the liquid with rags, drip pans, or other absorbent materials.
2. Cleanup the liquid with rags, oil-dri, or other absorbent materials.
3. Notify the appropriate people immediately if cleanup materials or help are needed or the liquid has entered a waterway, storm sewer, or exited a municipal property.
4. DO NOT use water to cleanup a spill!
5. Document a spill when required.

If the spill enters a waterway, storm sewer, or exits a municipal property, **ALWAYS** call the Fire Department. Even if it is a small spill or the employee/department believes it can be cleaned up.



Phone Numbers to Call:

- Supervisor's Phone Number
- Stormwater Department – 534-2201
- Central Garage – 534-3703
- After Hours Phone Number – 238-0723
- Fire Department - 533-8686 (ask for officer in charge)

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Report mud on the street or any other illicit discharge by calling:

574-537-3832
or 574-534-2201



The IDEM Pollution Prevention & Good Housekeeping Audit was conducted on August 19th and the City's program was well received. A BIG thank you to all the departments who participated and helped in preparing for this Audit. Your presence and help is greatly appreciated and showed the IDEM auditor how dedicated City staff is to the Stormwater Program. If there is ever a facility question you believe the Stormwater Department can assist you with, please do not hesitate to contact us and if we do not have the answer we will get it for you.

The Great Stormwater Hunt Continues...

Thanks to all of who have joined "The Hunt" and called or emailed the Stormwater Department about illicit discharges or dirt on the road. It is greatly appreciated and your name has been added to the prize drawing in December.

