



City of Goshen

STORMWATER TOOLBOX

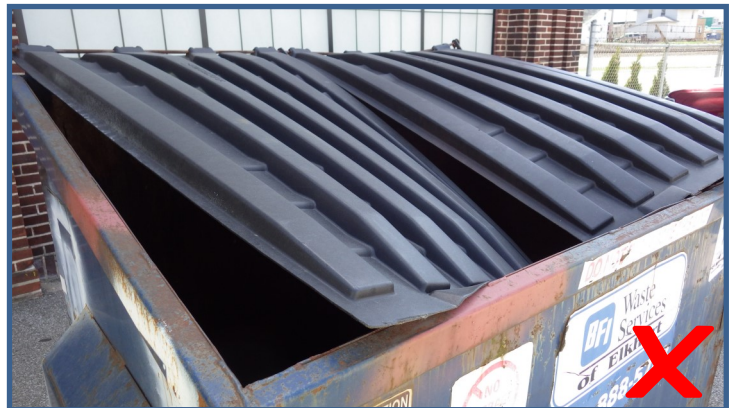
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Dumpster Tea? No Thank You

The EPA estimates a person will generate an average of 4.6 pounds of trash per day. This trash is generated at home and work and has to go somewhere until a garbage truck picks it up. Either it is placed in a trash can or a dumpster. While in holding, it has the potential to become a stormwater pollutant by coming into contact with the rain, snow, and wind. Thus, it is important to maintain and manage trash cans or dumpsters.

The following pictures provide examples of good (✓) looking dumpsters and dumpsters in need of replacement (✗):



Note: All trash at Municipal Facilities is to be stored in trash containers that are covered and leak proof. Dumpster lids should always be closed except when adding trash and if the dumpsters do not meet these standards they are to be replaced.



A DROP OF NEWS

Your Stormwater Newsletter

Fertilizer, Pesticides, & Water Quality

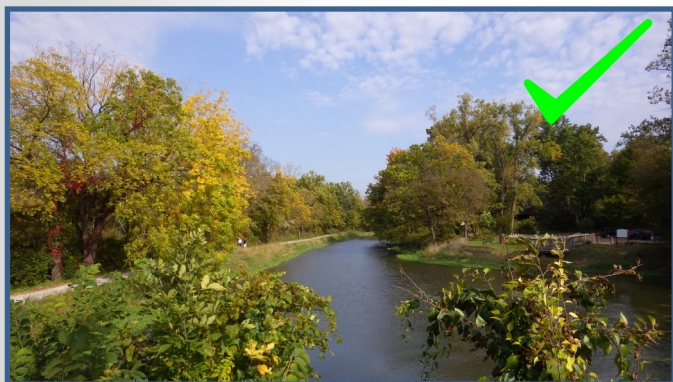
Spring has come, the flowers are growing, trees are blooming, and it is time to begin that annual struggle of keeping the grass green, trimmed, and weed free. One way to do this is to apply fertilizers (food for plants - nutrients) to help the grass grow and thrive, which will also keep weeds from becoming established in the yard. For those stubborn weeds a pesticide can be used to kill it.

No matter where fertilizers and pesticides are applied, if it is done incorrectly or too much is applied, it can negatively impact water quality and the creatures living in the water. The first step is to make sure the soil actually needs more nutrients by having your soil tested. Contact the Elkhart County Purdue Extension Office at 574-533-0554 for more information on how to test your soil. For more in depth information you can also read a Purdue publication called *Soil Testing for Lawns* (www.bit.ly/PurdueSoilTesting).

Once you know what nutrients your soil and plants need then you can pick the right fertilizer and amount that will help your yard flourish. For more information on what kind of fertilizer to use visit Clear Choices Clean Water (www.indiana.clearchoicescleanwater.org) and click on the Lawn Fertilizer pledge. While you are there, check out the Healthy Soils pledge and find out why keeping your soil healthy will also help improve water quality.



Remember, we decide what we want our local community and waterways to look like.



OR



Report an Illicit Discharge

An illicit discharge is anything other than rain that could flow or be washed into a storm drain. If you see something that doesn't look right please call 574-534-2201, send an email to jasonkauffman@gohsencity.com, or submit a Stormwater Report through the City of Goshen's new "Report an Issue" button in the upper corner of the City's website (www.goshenindiana.org).

