



City of Goshen

STORMWATER TOOLBOX

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State of the Great Lakes 2017 Highlights Report

The overall condition of the Great Lakes remains fair and unchanging. Check out the [report](#) for more information.

Stormwater Pollution Prevention Teams

As a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) community, Goshen must manage their municipal facilities to ensure that daily operations do not add additional pollution to the storm sewer or local waterways. Thus, each facility has in place secondary containment measures (June 2017 [Newsletter](#)); spill kits and other spill response materials in the event of a spill; some facilities have oil/water separators and/or stormwater treatment units, which help provide additional treatment of stormwater runoff; and SOPs or standard operating procedures like where to wash City vehicles (June 2016 [Newsletter](#)) or what to do if you spill gas when fueling your vehicle (March 2017 [Newsletter](#)). Past Newsletters can be found on the City Stormwater [page](#).

One additional measure each municipal facility should have is a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Team. This Stormwater Team is responsible for developing, implementing, and revising the Pollution Prevention & Good Housekeeping Manual and is composed of the Department Head/Superintendent, the Assistant Department Head/Superintendent, and the City Stormwater Coordinator.

Additionally, each and every City employee is a vital part in the Stormwater Team, no matter where they work or who they work for. Employees' roles are as follows:

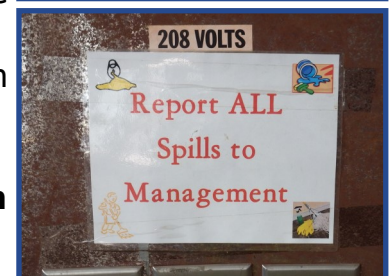
- ❖ Know where every drain flows to (either sanitary or storm). Look for a the 4-inch disk or the message saying "No Dumping, Drains to Waterway."



- ❖ Know the location of the nearest spill response kit/materials.
- ❖ Respond to, clean-up, and report and document spills, leaks, and other discharges to your supervisor.
- ❖ Inspect City vehicles and equipment on a regular basis for fluid leaks or gas, oil, antifreeze, brake fluid, and hydraulic oil. If there is a leak, clean it up promptly and place a pan or other absorbent materials under the leak until it can be repaired.
- ❖ Place materials back in secondary containment areas at the end of the work day.
- ❖ Properly dispose of hazardous materials (look for more information on this topic in a future Stormwater Newsletter).



"None of us alone can save the nation or world. But each of us can make a positive difference if we commit ourselves to do so."
–Cornel West





A DROP OF NEWS

Your Stormwater Newsletter

Rock Run Creek Clean-Up Day

The three most visible pollutants in our waterways today are sediment, nutrients by way of the green scum (or algae) on the water's surface, and trash. Trash can come from many sources, but if it is not properly recycled or thrown away and transported to a recycling center or landfill, it eventually makes its way to a waterway. On Saturday, June 24th, a non-profit group called The Rains organized a clean-up day of Rock Run Creek by the Allan J. Kauffman Park. Charles Hubbell, Director of Communications/Development for The Rains, said "The Rains likes to have strong ties with the community they work in and by choosing to clean-up Rock Run Creek they had a great opportunity to bring the community together and to empower people to fix a problem in their community."

During that Saturday clean-up, 32 tires, seven shopping carts, several bicycles, two mattresses, one car battery, one baby swing, and other types of trash were pulled from Rock Run Creek and properly disposed of. Through the efforts of The Rains and the community members who gathered to help that day, Rock Run Creek and areas downstream were improved.

The Goshen Stormwater Department would like to say "Thank You" to The Rains for the work they did to clean-up Rock Run Creek and to remind everyone that the process to clean-up our local waterways begins and ends with each of us. Pick up



that piece of trash you see blowing down the sidewalk, don't throw that bottle or cigarette butt out the window as you drive down the road, and keep your trash cans covered.

If you are interested in learning more about The Rains call Charles Hubbell, Director of Communications/Development at 574-229-6207. The Rains is a non-profit organization "dedicated and determined to make a difference in our communities, and in as many lives as God will allow us to touch." (from The Rains Facebook page - @therns.org) Mr. Hubble also says The Rains "helps people to get into the workforce."

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@goshencity.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).

