



# City of Goshen

## STORMWATER TOOLBOX

Public Works & Utilities

Department of Stormwater

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Goshen, Indiana 46528

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Dustin Sailor

**Stormwater Coordinator:**

Jason Kauffman

**May you Have  
a Wonderful  
Holiday Season  
with Family  
and Friends!**



### The 12 Clogs of Christmas

Thanks to the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District for the following unique take on a classic Christmas carol:

"Whether you're a'caroling with friends or hosting a holiday dinner, nobody wants to be hassled with a Christmas clog. Sing along with our list of 12 things to keep out of your drains (the video of the song can be found at <http://on.fb.me/1mpXa73>).

**12 Toxic Chemicals** - Hazardous chemicals down the drain can impact the environment, and also make unclogging your drain more dangerous. Consider eco-friendly alternatives first.

**11 Candles' Wax** - If a centerpiece goes awry, or if you're cleaning out your candle holders, let the wax harden and put it in the trash.

**10 Cigarette Butts**

**9 Feminine Products**

**8 Kinds of Wrappers** - Just because they're small enough to fit down a drain doesn't mean they should be flushed.

**7 Medications** - The problem with flushing meds isn't the clog, it's where they end up. Medications can affect the environment if they are not disposed of properly (take them to the Goshen Police Department).

**6 Balls of Floss** - Floss catches easily on build-ups in pipes and quickly entangles itself to form a larger blockage. Not good.

**5 Cups of Oil & Grease** - When cooking, collect or dispose of fats, oil, and grease in the garbage. Otherwise, it builds up in pipes and can cause nasty back-ups.

**4 Dirty Diapers** - Yes, people try to flush them. No, they should not be flushed.

**3 Cotton swabs**

**2 Paper Towels**

**...and those "flushable" wipes that really shouldn't be** - Some disposable wipes might say "flushable," but they're not, and they shouldn't be flushed."

For more information visit the Wessler Engineering blog (<http://bit.ly/1IbyWY6>) on "49 Things You Should Never Flush or Pour Down the Drain".



# A DROP OF NEWS

## Your Stormwater Newsletter

### The Great Stormwater Hunt of 2015

A BIG thank you to all of the City employees who called or emailed the Stormwater Department about illicit discharges or dirt on the road this year. With your help 23, incidents were identified and addressed. Keep watching out for potential issues and call the Stormwater Department or email Jason Kauffman when you see something that doesn't look quite right. It is appreciated and you might just be selected as the **Stormwater Hunter of the Year**.

This year the **Stormwater Hunter of the Year** is: **CHARLIE RIGGS** of the Wastewater Department. On May 1st Charlie observed a homeowner mixing concrete on the road and called the Stormwater Department. Charlie's call helped prevent an unknown amount of concrete washout from being washed down a storm sewer, which flows directly to the Elkhart River. Thank you Charlie and Congratulations!

### Department of Stormwater

Report an illicit discharge or mud on the street by calling:  
574-537-3832  
or 574-534-2201



Jason Kauffman, Stormwater Coordinator (L) and Charlie Riggs, Maintenance Manager (R).

The Greater Elkhart County Stormwater Partnership has released its 2016-2017 Calendar entitled "Elkhart County Waters: Why We Care".

If you would like a calendar, you can pick one up at the Goshen Utilities Billing Office at 203 S. 5th Street or call Jason Kauffman at 537-3832.

*Elkhart County Waters:  
Why We Care  
2016-2017 Calendar*

