



City of Goshen

STORMWATER TOOLBOX

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Secondary Containment of Materials

As part of Goshen’s Stormwater Permit, we are required to use pollution prevention and good housekeeping measures to prevent materials from coming into contact with stormwater runoff at Goshen’s municipal facilities and on City construction projects. One way this is done is by using secondary containment containers, which can be (pictures begin in upper left and continue clockwise) a simple plastic container, a metal tray, a single drum containment container, a containment pallet, and many more.



The secondary containment of materials helps to prevent accidental releases or spills of dangerous materials to our water, soil, and air. Secondary containment areas will vary in size and shape based upon the material being stored and the storage location. If you

are using a material that does not have secondary containment, please talk with the Stormwater Department about what to do.

Finally, at the end of every work day remember to make sure all containers and materials are placed back in their proper secondary containment areas.



A DROP OF NEWS

Your Stormwater Newsletter

Fireworks and Water Quality

For several days before and after the 4th of July, there is rarely a night that goes by without hearing the whoosh and bang of a firework. It might be you or your neighbor shooting fireworks off from their yard or driveway, or it might be a public display you are watching with family and friends. Either way, you are sure to be dazzled and awed by the beauty of this annual tradition which brings to mind the lyrics from The Star-Spangled Banner:

*"And the rockets' red glare, the bombs
bursting in air."*

After the lights have faded, the smoke has blown away, and the party ends, the cleanup of the cups, plates, napkins, and maybe some firework debris left on your driveway from fountains or firecrackers begins. But what about the debris from the rockets that burst in the sky above? This debris may fall in your yard, the street, or further away depending on the wind, and the next time it rains it could be washed down the nearest storm drain and out to our local waterways. This is not to say that fireworks are all bad, we just need to make sure to cleanup the leftover debris once the show is over. Not only are you helping improve water quality, you are also being a good neighbor.

For more information, check out the article *Bombs Bursting in Air: Environmental Regulation of Fireworks* at bit.ly/Fireworks-Stormwater.



Photo Credit: Oliver Herbold



Firework debris collected in one yard after a July 4th fireworks display. Debris include: plastic, cardboard, wood, and more.

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).

