



City of Goshen

STORMWATER TOOLBOX

Public Works & Utilities
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Trash and Debris include food containers and wrappers, plastic bottles, Styrofoam cups, cigarette butts, plastic wrappers and ties, concrete washout or pieces, foam board, etc.

Trash on Construction Sites

Two common stormwater pollutants found on construction sites are trash and debris. When they are not disposed of properly in a covered trash can or dumpster they will blow or wash off the construction site and potentially into a storm drain or local waterway where they will harm wildlife and water quality.

Trash and debris should not be burned or buried on-site either. With the exception of clean wood scraps, all other construction debris should not be burned because it can release harmful chemicals that people could breathe in. When construction debris is buried on-site, future property owners are impacted because they may encounter the waste when doing further development and will have to pay for proper disposal.

Thus, trash and debris should be thrown into a trash can directly and at a minimum, picked up daily. If windy conditions are present, more frequent pick up is required. An adequate number of covered trash cans are to be provided on a construction project along with dumpsters. Trash containers and dumpsters are to be emptied by a licensed waste hauler on a regular basis to prevent overflow.

The following pictures are examples of trash and debris found on construction sites that were not handled properly. Please help keep trash and construction debris from becoming a stormwater pollutant.

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." —Benjamin Franklin





A DROP OF NEWS

Your Stormwater Newsletter

Happy 45th Anniversary to the Clean Water Act, protecting our waters since 1972!

The requirements the Goshen stormwater program is founded upon began in 1948 with the enactment of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act. This act was amended in 1972, and today is commonly referred to as the Clean Water Act (CWA). There have been subsequent amendments since, but the core of the program remains focused on improving water quality by preventing the release of contaminants into waterways. For more information on the Clean Water Act visit bit.ly/CWA-History.



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).

