

## City of Goshen Stormwater toolbox

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from the City of Goshen's streets.

#### **Stormwater Education**

Stormwater may or may not be a topic you care to spend your time learning or thinking about but it is something Goshen, as a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System or MS4 community, must focus on. As part of the Federal Clean Water Act and Indiana Stormwater Rules, Goshen is required to provide information to the public and municipal employees on the impact stormwater runoff can have on water quality, illicit discharges, how to dispose of wastes correctly, and municipal pollution prevention and good housekeeping practices (municipal employees specifically). The Stormwater Department must also document that educational materials were provided to the public and municipal employees.

To provide education to everyone, the Stormwater Department puts together the monthly Stormwater Toolbox Newsletter which includes a relevant stormwater topic and news from the world of Stormwater. The monthly Employee Review Sheets each of you sign provides the Stormwater Department with documentation of employee education, which we can show to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management during their audits of our Stormwater Program.

This year the Stormwater Department will approach our education efforts by having all City employees take a Stormwater Quiz in February. This quiz is not for a "grade" but will be used to guide our education efforts. More information will be forthcoming on this quiz, but for now here is a sample question that could appear on the Stormwater Quiz:





# A DROP OF NEWS

#### Your Stormwater Newsletter

### **The Great Stormwater Hunt**

A BIG thank you to all of the City employees who called or emailed the Stormwater Department about illicit discharges or sediment/mud on the road this year. With your help, **58** 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**.

The **2017 Stormwater Hunter of the Year** is: **Maynard Hartsough** of the Goshen Police Department. On March 21st Maynard observed sediment being tracked from a construction site and called the Stormwater Department. Maynard's call allowed the Stormwater Department to respond to an issue that probably would not have been identified without his help. The Stormwater Department was also able to talk with the builder about the sediment tracking and to make sure it was properly cleaned up. Thank you Maynard for helping to keep sediment out of our local storm sewer and congratulations!



Maynard Hartsough, Code Compliance Officer (R) and Jason Kauffman, Stormwater Coordinator (L). Maynard received a \$100 gift certificate to Venturi in recognition of his help.



#### The Great Stormwater Hunt of 2018

What is an illicit discharge? It is anything other than rain that goes down a storm drain. What to look for:

- Oil sheens on the surface of water
- ✤ Concrete washout/white residue on the ground
- ✤ Grease marks/stains around catch basins
- Discolored water in waterways
- Unknown materials on the pavement or soil
- Dirt being tracked or washed onto the road
- People pouring or washing liquids down storm drains
- Any other situation where you think a potential pollutant could come into contact with stormwater

If you see any of the above make sure you report it:

Call: 574-537-3832 or 574-534-2201

Email: jasonkauffman@goshencity.com

Click: Report an Issue Button at the top of the City Website or <u>www.goshenindiana.org/</u> report-an-issue