



# City of Goshen

## STORMWATER TOOLBOX

**Public Works & Utilities**  
**Department of Stormwater**  
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Goshen, Indiana 46528  
574-534-2201

[bit.ly/goshen-stormwater](http://bit.ly/goshen-stormwater)

**Director of Public Works:**  
**Dustin Sailor**  
**Stormwater Coordinator:**  
**Jason Kauffman— 537-3832**

### Thank you City Departments for Cleaning Up Stormwater Pollution

Over the last month, five illicit discharge incidents have been reported by City employees and City staff have been instrumental in stopping the illicit discharge, containing the material, and/or cleaning it up. Thank you to each and every Department and employee who has been involved in preventing stormwater pollutants from impacting the water quality of our local waterways.

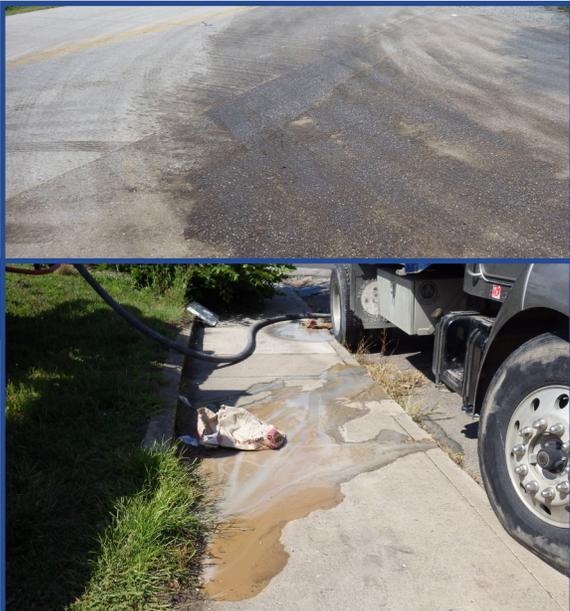
- ❖ Thank you to the Goshen Police Department for helping control traffic.
- ❖ Thank you to the Goshen Fire Department for helping to put down oil-dri and other containment measures to keep pollutants from going down the storm drain (picture to the left).
- ❖ Thank you to the Goshen Street Department for helping to put down oil-dri and for sweeping up debris and sediment from City streets.
- ❖ Thank you to each of the 13 employees who have reported 17 potential illicit discharge issues this year.



### If You See Something Say Something

If you see something other than rainwater on the street or going down a drain **please** say something and if you cannot get ahold of Jason Kauffman at 574-537-3832 please call the Engineering Department at 574-534-2201 to make sure someone responds quickly.

Pictures of stormwater pollutants collecting on city streets from the



upper left corner and clockwise: An oil spill tracked onto the street, sediment tracked onto the street, used cooking grease/oil collecting along the curb, & drilling mud from a utility boring machine.



# A DROP OF NEWS

## Your Stormwater Newsletter

### Clean Water Rule Repeal

The repeal of the Clean Water Rule, also known as the Waters of the United States Act, could harm the communities in the Great Lakes Region. Harm will come from the deregulation of half of the wetland areas that have been protected for decades, as well as the loosening of the regulations for approximately 65% of headwater streams. The loss of regulation could have a negative impact on these very interconnected systems.



Morning Mist rising from Fidler Pond



### Cigarette Butts are the World's most Littered Plastic Item

6.5 trillion cigarettes are sold each year and only a third of those make it into the trash, while the rest are flicked onto the ground. Cigarette filters or butts are made of plastic and contain nicotine, heavy metals, and more, which contaminates the soil and water they come to rest in. Please make sure to dispose of your used cigarette butts appropriately.

### 22 Million Pounds of Plastics Enter the Great Lakes Each Year

"Plastic debris makes up about 80% of the litter on Great Lakes shorelines. Nearly 22 million pounds enter the Great Lakes each year -- more than half of which pours into Lake Michigan, according to estimates calculated by the Rochester Institute of Technology.

Microplastics have been observed in the guts of many Lake Michigan fish, in drinking water and even in beer. Perhaps the most worrisome aspect is that the impact of microplastics on human health remains unclear. Plastics are known to attract industrial contaminants already in the water, like PCBs, while expelling their own chemical additives intended to make them durable, including flame retardants."



Small pieces of plastic and the feather of a seagull in the sand at the beach in South Haven, Michigan.

For more information on these stories check out:

- ❖ Michigan residents uncertain about the impacts of the Clean Water Rule repeal—[bit.ly/2kOiNCW](https://bit.ly/2kOiNCW)
- ❖ Activists say the repeal of the Clean Water Rule threatens Great Lakes wetlands and drinking water—[bit.ly/2IRPxLO](https://bit.ly/2IRPxLO)
- ❖ Cigarette butts are toxic plastic pollution—[on.natgeo.com/2IUEnWv](https://on.natgeo.com/2IUEnWv)
- ❖ Millions of pounds of plastic enter the Great Lakes each year—[bit.ly/2knU8F6](https://bit.ly/2knU8F6)