

City of Goshen Stormwater toolbox

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bit.ly/goshen-stormwater

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Groundwater is the name given to water found underground in spaces in the soil, sand, and rock. It's the world's largest source of freshwater.

Check out the March 2019 Stormwater Newsletter for more information.

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Happy Water New Year!

In the world of water, the week of October 1st was a special one because it was the beginning of the 2020 Water Year!

What is the "water year" you ask? It is the amount of rain and snow that falls from the beginning of the wet season in one year to the beginning of the wet season the next year. This time frame is from October 1st to September 30th of the following year. In our area, we receive rain and snow during the entire year but out west, there are distinct wet and dry seasons. Urban areas and farms rely upon the water that accumulates during the wet season for use during the dry season, therefore, no matter where we live it is important to allow stormwater runoff to soak into the soil instead of just flowing to a creek, ditch, stream, river, or lake.

Enjoy the 2020 Water Year!



If you are interested in learning more check out the following links:

- Rainfall Data collected by local residents: <u>www.cocorahs.org</u>
- Water level and flow rate of the Elkhart River: <u>bit.ly/ElkhartRiverGauge</u>
- Drought Information: <u>https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/</u>



A DROP OF NEWS

Your Stormwater Newsletter

Fall Stormwater Tips

Cooler weather has arrived, the leaves are changing color, and have already begun to fall. Follow these tips to prevent stormwater pollution during the fall.

Tip #1 - Keep leaves off of the road and out of the storm drains and if there is a storm drain near your home or place of work please help by removing the leaves to prevent standing water issues.

Tip #2 - Mulch leaves with a lawnmower as it is a natural fertilizer.

Tip #3 - Compost leaves for use in gardens, flower beds, and around trees.

Tip #4 - The Goshen Street Department provides leaf pickup from mid-October until early December (dates vary from year to year and depends on when the leaves begin to fall) and asks residents to place their leaves near the street curb, but not on the sidewalk or in the street. OR take your leaves to the Goshen Environmental Center located just west of the North Indiana Ave and CR 19 intersection.

For more information visit: <u>www.ripple-effects.com/Leaf-free-Streets</u> and <u>bit.ly/SW-Fall-Leaves</u>.



OCTOBER 23, 2019, IS IMAGINE A DAY WITHOUT WATER -Millions of Americans take water service for granted every day. Turn on the tap, and clean water flows out. Flush the toilet, and dirty water goes away. When you have reliable water service, you don't have to think twice about the infrastructure that brings water to your home or business, and then safely returns water to the environment – but we all should. The reality is, America's water infrastructure is aging and failing - and there are even communities that have never had access to infrastructure in the first place. On **Imagine a Day Without Water**, we ask everyone to consider what their day would be like if they couldn't turn on the tap and get clean drinking water, or if you flushed the toilet and wastewater didn't go anywhere. What would that day be like?



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Report an Illicit Discharge - An illicit discharge is anything other than the 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 <u>jasonkauffman@goshencity.com</u>, or submit a Stormwater Report through the City of Goshen's "Report an Issue" button in the upper corner of the City's website (<u>www.goshenindiana.org</u>).