



# City of Goshen

## STORMWATER TOOLBOX

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### Adopt A Storm Drain

Did you know that leaves that end up in storm drains are considered pollution? The extra organic matter in our rivers and streams will contribute to algae blooms the following year. When you're raking your leaves this fall, remember, only rain in the drain! Finding a drain near where you work or live and spending 10 minutes clearing debris away from it can help prevent flooding and water pollution! Learn more or adopt a storm drain near you at [www.indiana.clearchoicescleanwater.org/service/adopt-a-storm-drain](http://www.indiana.clearchoicescleanwater.org/service/adopt-a-storm-drain).



A Goshen Street Department street sweeper sweeps up leaves off of a residential street to keep them from clogging the storm drain during the next rain event and to keep them out of the Elkhart River.

**STORMWATER PROGRAM AUDIT UPDATE** - On October 1, 2019, Rob Beck, Stormwater Specialist for the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) Office of Water Quality Wetlands and Storm Water Section conducted an audit of the Construction Site Run-Off and Post-Construction Run-Off components of the City of Goshen's stormwater program.

The audit consisted of two (2) construction site inspections to measure the ability of Jason Kauffman as an inspector and a paper review of the associated City ordinances and documentation.

Mr. Beck found Mr. Kauffman to be "competent in all issues of erosion and sediment control" and to be well "trained and skilled in identifying violations." Mr. Beck also found the current City ordinances to be sufficient and the overall program to be in compliance with IDEM's stormwater requirements, also known as Rule 5 and Rule 13.

The full report can be found on the Goshen Stormwater Website by following this link: [bit.ly/2019C-PC-Audit](http://bit.ly/2019C-PC-Audit).



# A DROP OF NEWS

## Your Stormwater Newsletter

### Holiday FOG Warning

What is FOG you ask? Well, it stands for fats, oils, and grease, and when dumped down a drain (kitchen or storm) or flushed down the toilet, it can cause major problems in sanitary sewers, especially when it mixes with other items flushed down the toilet like wipes, diapers, feminine products, etc., and it can impact local waterways if a sanitary sewer overflow (SSO) occurs.

Defend your drains during the Holidays and all year long by only flushing water and the three P's (pee, poop, and toilet paper) down the toilet and allowing only water and soap to flow down the kitchen drain. Help the City of Goshen prevent sanitary sewer backups and overflows and protect local water quality by following these tips:

- ❖ **Don't pour leftover cooking grease or oil down the drain.**
- ❖ If you can't reuse your used cooking oil, pour it into a sturdy closed lid container and dispose of it in the trash.
- ❖ Cover the drain in the kitchen sink with a catch basket and empty the food particles into the trashcan as needed. **Don't use a garbage disposal.**
- ❖ Scrape plates over a trashcan or dry wipe with paper towels.
- ❖ Use damp paper towels with a bit of soap to remove grease and oil residue and then wipe with a dry paper towel.
- ❖ **For more information on what not to flush or pour down a toilet or drain visit: [bit.ly/DontFlushOrPour](http://bit.ly/DontFlushOrPour).**



A clogged pipe caused by the dumping of FOG down the drain. Photo Credit: City of Elkhart

### Permit Termination and Inspections

Any project with a Rule 5 erosion and sediment control permit is required to conduct site inspections once every seven (7) calendar days and within one business day of a 1/2 inch rain event. These inspections are to continue until the Notice of Termination (N.O.T.) application has been submitted to the Elkhart County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and confirmation of the acceptance of the N.O.T. application has been received back from the Elkhart County SWCD.

In order for a project site to meet the termination requirements, all disturbed areas must be fully stabilized fully with either rock or wood mulch, or vegetation that is a uniform and dense 70% coverage over all disturbed areas with no large bare areas and no signs of erosion. Additionally, all post-construction stormwater measures must have been installed correctly and functioning as intended. Until these requirements are met, the weekly and rainfall inspections must continue no matter the weather conditions.

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