

# A Drop of News

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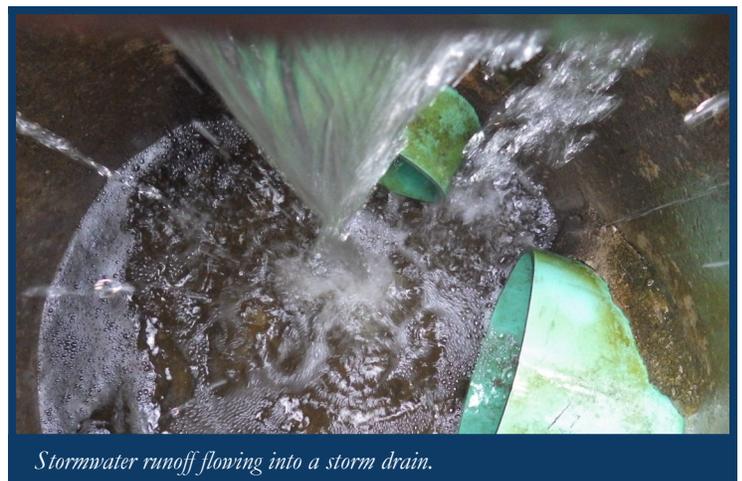
## The Maple City Stormwater Toolbox

### New State Stormwater Permits



For the past 18 years, Indiana’s stormwater regulations have remained almost unchanged; however, new State stormwater general permits mean there will soon be major local updates to implement. The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) Surface Water and Operations Branch released new Construction and Municipal Separate Storm Sewer (MS4) General Permits on December 18 (for more on MS4s, see this video: [bit.ly/MS4-EO](https://bit.ly/MS4-EO)).

**The new permits mean the following changes are on the horizon for Goshen and rest of the State:**



*Stormwater runoff flowing into a storm drain.*

#### MS4 General Permit

1. **Ordinance updates** — The City will update existing ordinances to comply with the new permit requirements sometime in 2022. For consistency between MS4s, the City will consider a template ordinance prepared by the Indiana Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP).
2. **Program updates** — The Stormwater Department will evaluate its programming over the coming months to align standard operating procedures with the permit changes.
3. **Technical standards adoption** — The Stormwater Department will consider the adoption of technical standards, also developed by LTAP, for new permit requirements and to create greater standardization across the State.

#### Construction General Permit

1. **New NOI submittal**— To continue their stormwater coverage, all open projects will need to submit a new Notice of Intent (NOI) to IDEM within 90 days of the standard form’s availability near the New Year. Coverage timelines will remain the same and projects will NOT be required to submit new Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPPPs).
2. **Construction site erosion and sediment control requirements updates** — The Permit includes new requirements and best management practices (BMPs) to implement on construction sites. The Stormwater Department will work to summarize and educate on what changes are expected when covered under the new permit.

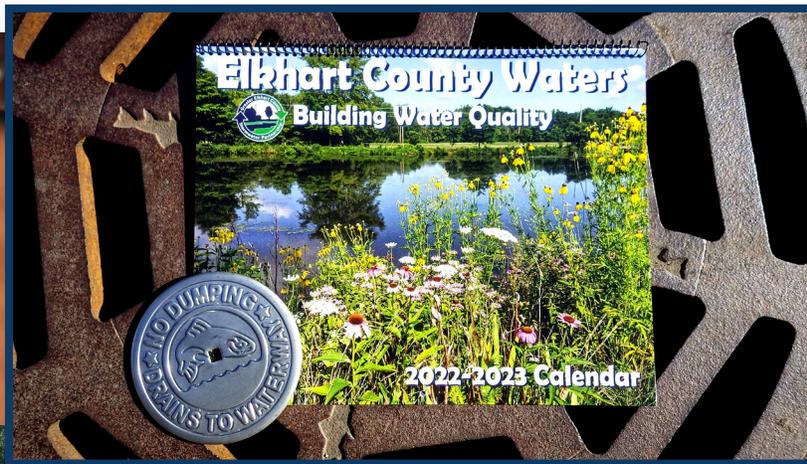
Pick up your  
Calendar today!

# New Year, New Calendar

New stormwater calendars for the years 2022-2023 are now available for pick-up at various locations throughout the City. Spearheaded by the Elkhart County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), the calendar project is a product of collaboration between multiple entities making up the Elkhart County Stormwater Partnership, including the City of Goshen, City of Elkhart, Town of Bristol, and Elkhart County governments.

The Calendar, focusing on the theme of “Building Water Quality”, highlights green stormwater features and other efforts to improve water quality throughout the region.

**Pick your calendar up today at City Offices or the Reith Interpretive Center.**



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## Report a Pollutant

Stormwater pollutants include anything other than rain that could flow or be washed into a storm drain. If you see a pollutant entering a storm drain, please call 574-534-2201, send an email to [stormwater@goshencity.com](mailto:stormwater@goshencity.com), or submit a Stormwater Report through the City’s “Report an Issue” button on the City of Goshen website, [www.goshenindiana.org](http://www.goshenindiana.org).

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