Goshen's Stormwater Ordinance

The City of Goshen's Illicit Discharge Ordinance (No. 4327) is intended to protect the water quality and natural habitats of our local surface and ground waters.

As rainwater passes over impervious surfaces, it picks up sediment and other particles, trash, nutrients, pathogens, and chemical pollutants that cause pollution.

Anything that enters a storm sewer system or that flows from your residence or business directly to a nearby stream or river is not treated. Although it seems like a small matter when considering one individual house or property polluted stormwater runoff from all of our residential and business areas can collectively pose a great threat to our local waters.

There are many actions we can take to improve water quality by managing stormwater runoff in our community. Even if you don't live or work at the water's edge, reducing the amount of stormwater that leaves your property helps stormwater infiltrate into the ground benefitting the whole watershed.

For more information...

or if you have questions or concerns, feel free to contact:

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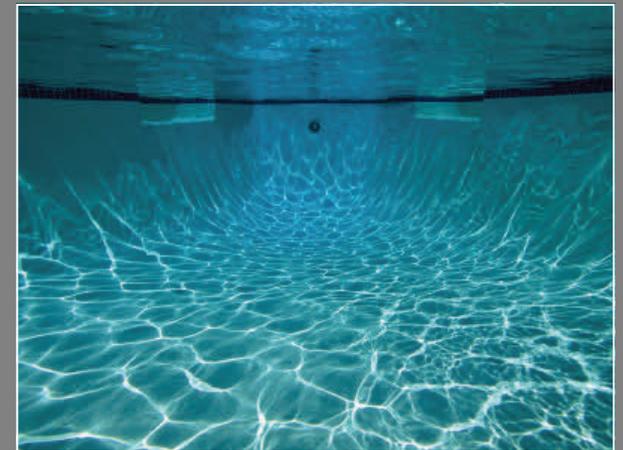jasonkauffman@goshencity.com

On the web at:

goshenindiana.org

Visit the Greater Elkhart County Stormwater Partnership at:

stormwaterelkco.org

Pool Construction & Maintenance

Pool Construction

- Soil is the #1 Pollutant in our waterways. To help keep sediment from leaving your property while building a pool:
  1. Avoid digging when it is raining.
  2. Keep piles of excavated soil away from the street.
  3. Try to keep vehicles from tracking soil onto the street from the construction area. If soil does end up on the road, sweep it up immediately.
  4. Dispose of construction materials properly so nothing washes into the street or storm drain.
- Provide a containment area at the construction site where masonry or concrete residue can be placed to harden. Hardened material can then be disposed of in a dumpster or other appropriate receptacle.
- If a large amount of concrete is going to be installed, check with the concrete company to see if they dispose of the washout from their trucks after delivery or if you need to provide a temporary washout area. If a temporary washout area needs to be provided, one could be created using straw bales or a bermed area lined with a heavy duty plastic sheet.

Pool Maintenance & Care

Pool Draining:

- Before draining:
  1. Determine where your water will drain to. Ideally your water can be drained to your lawn or garden.
  2. If the water needs to be drained to the street or nearby storm drain, call the Goshen Department of Stormwater to discuss the best location to drain your dechlorinated pool water. This may be to the storm drain or sanitary sewer.
  3. Allow water to sit in the pool for several days to allow the chlorine to dissipate. The recommendation is to let the water sit idle for seven days. Test the water to ensure the chlorine is gone before draining.
- Drain water to your lawn or garden making sure no water leaves the property. If you are draining to the street or nearby storm drain, make sure to contact the Goshen Department of Stormwater before doing so.

Filter Maintenance:

- Drain backwash onto your lawn or garden making sure no water leaves your property. Backwash water should not be discharged onto the street or into storm drains.
- When replacing filter, diatomaceous earth, sand, etc., follow the manufacturer's disposal guidelines.

Cleaning a pool filter

General Maintenance & Care:

- Don't overfill the pool. Leave room for rainwater.
- Store pool chemicals in covered containers and check for leaks regularly. Store in a well ventilated, dry area, out of direct sunlight. Buy only what you need to avoid waste.
- Dispose of wastes and spills correctly. The first Saturday of each month, the Elkhart County Solid Waste Management District holds a household hazardous waste disposal day at the Elkhart County Correctional Facility off of C.R. 26.
- Call 911 if there is a spill that is too large for you to handle or if there is an unexpected reaction of chemicals.