

A Drop of News

The Maple City Stormwater Toolbox

December 2023

Employee Education/Training

“Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.”
- Xunzi (Xun Kuang), a Confucian Philosopher

Humans never stop learning. We always have the opportunity to learn new things through the books/articles we read, the shows we watch, the games we play, the paths we walk, the sights we see, and the conversations we hold.

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management’s (IDEM) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) General Permit (MS4GP) was issued on December 18, 2021, and regulates the discharges of stormwater (rainwater and melting snow) from the City of Goshen and other MS4 communities throughout the State of Indiana to local waterways. Section 4.7, letter (m) of the MS4GP requires the City of Goshen to “implement an annual training program for employees directly involved in implementing good housekeeping” for city-owned and/or operated infrastructure and facilities. One of these requirements is to provide training to all new employees within 30-60 days. Starting in 2024, all new employees will receive a copy of the Stormwater Employee Handbook during orientation (image above right). This document is also available on the Stormwater webpage at: bit.ly/Goshen-SWHandbook23 and all employees should take the time to review the Handbook.

Employees will also have the opportunity to attend the Municipal Breakfast & Training from 8:00 to 11:00 am on Thursday, March 7th as part of the Elkhart County Pay Dirt Conference (www.elkcoswcd.org/pay-dirt/). All Departments are involved with preventing stormwater pollution and implementing good housekeeping practices. More information will be provided to Department Heads in January with information on the Conference and how to register.



**Good Housekeeping:
Employee Responsibilities
for Pollution Prevention**

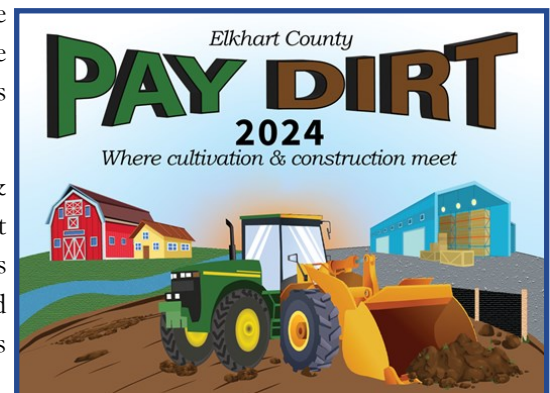
PROTECTING OUR LOCAL
WATER RESOURCES

Municipal Good Housekeeping includes keeping public roads, properties, and work areas clean, storing materials safely, cleaning up spills, and maintaining our stormwater infrastructure to prevent environmental pollution. This quick orientation booklet explains the City of Goshen's employee responsibilities to protect our community's land and water resources.

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**Goshen
Stormwater**

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Elkhart County
PAY DIRT
2024
Where cultivation & construction meet

Stormwater Fact: One teaspoon of salt can pollute five gallons of water! Apply with care this winter.

Follow the tips below and find out more at: bit.ly/Goshen-Salt-Pollution.



**GO EASY
ON THE SALT!**

A **12 ounce coffee mug** holds enough salt for **10 sidewalk squares or a 20' driveway**.

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**STOMP
OUT CLUMPS!**

Clumps and piles are wasted salt. **To help reduce water pollution, spread salt evenly!**

Image Credit: wmr.d.org

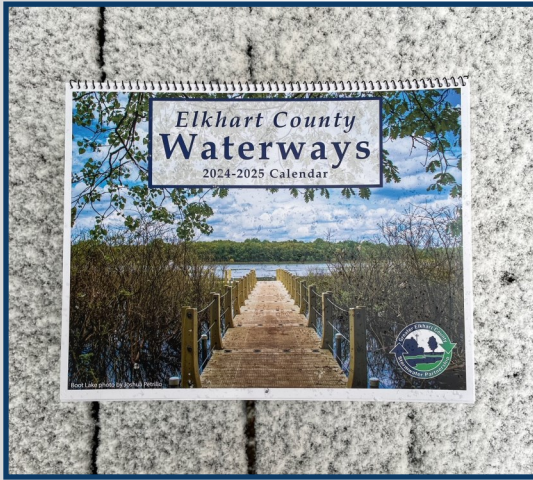
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**SWEEP UP
LEFTOVER SALT**

Leftover salt means you used too much. **Sweep it up and save it for next time!**

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New Year, New Calendar

New stormwater calendars for the years **2024-2025** are available for pick-up at various locations throughout the City. The purpose of the calendar is to educate citizens in the watershed on how to keep our waterways clean and healthy, and this time around, each month highlights a different waterway that flows through Elkhart

County and ends at Lake Michigan where a majority of our water flows. A new feature this year is a QR code which when scanned provides information on the featured waterway. Give it a try



The calendar is a collaboration between multiple entities making up the Elkhart County Stormwater Partnership, including the City of Goshen, the City of Elkhart, the Town of Bristol, and Elkhart County governments, along with the Elkhart County Soil and Water Conservation District. **Pick your calendar up today at City Offices or the Rieth Interpretive Center.**

Photos taken by City staff in the Engineering and Stormwater Departments are showcased in the calendar. Congratulations to Jason Kauffman, Ryan Miller, and Boston Snyder .

Give the Gift of Clean Water This Year

To our community, those living downstream, and to all the creatures who depend on clean, healthy waters!

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, or submit a Stormwater Report through the City's "Report an Issue" button on the City of Goshen website, www.goshenindiana.org.

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