

DO YOU KNOW WHERE STORM WATER GOES?



DUMPSTER MAINTENANCE

Guide for Businesses



Stormwater picks up pollutants from streets, roofs, parking lots, and any other surfaces it flows across.

This water discharges into storm drains which enter into the Guyandotte River, Ohio River, and Fourpole Creek.

Helping keep storm water "clean" helps protect our streams and rivers. Clean up after walking your dog, dispose of liquids, chemicals, and trash properly. Repair cars if you have a leak. Do your part!

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PREVENT WATER POLLUTION

Almost every business generates waste and temporarily stores it onsite. Many businesses have dumpsters. These containers are typically kept in alleys, where they are out of sight and out of mind.



Dumpsters can be major source of stormwater pollution if they are not properly maintained. Open dumpsters can collect rain water which mixes with the wastes. The polluted rain water inevitably spills or leaks. This runoff can have grease, litter, bacteria, pathogens, and chemicals.



If you see a dumpster "juice" coming from around the dumpster, then it is time to replace it.



Minimize liquid wastes, greases, or leaky garbage.



Avoid hosing out the dumpster interior. Apply absorbent materials like kitty litter to clean up liquids.



Keep hazardous wastes out of dumpsters.



Control litter around your dumpster.



Inspect dumpster regularly for leaks. Have replaced if leaking.

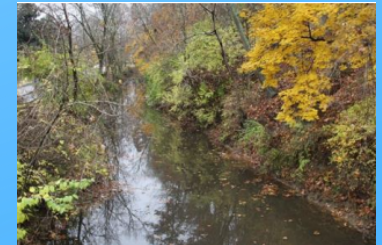


Place dumpster under cover or keep lid tightly closed.

Clean water is important for our health, community, and ecosystem.



One way to keep water clean is to stop pollution from getting into our rivers and streams.



When you collect trash and properly dispose of it, you become part of the Solution to Pollution!

