

# STORMWATER

Tip of the Week Week 11 - March 15, 2022

## LITTER & STORMWATER

Litter is waste that has been disposed of improperly like in an inappropriate area. It affects the quality of life for our community in many ways including like: (1) Clogging our stormwater system which in turn can cause flooding. (2) Entering our stormwater system which can end up polluting our drinking water system and can causes more expense in the treatment of our drinking water. (3) Degrading the ecosystem by harming animals that get trapped in or ingest waste products. (4) Plus, it just doesn't look good in any community.

There are many things you can do as an individual, family, and community to help keep the City of Nitro and our local water ways free of litter and pollution.

- Cigarette butts are the most common item being littered. Carrying a personal ashtray is a great way to prevent litter. You can also make sure the ember is completely extinguished and then dispose of the butt in the trash.

- Do not litter the streets with trash, including liquid chemicals. Any litter left along the streets will easily be washed into our storm drains and can directly affect our local waterways and can even cause flooding. Check for local places to recycle materials and reuse items as much as you can.

- Do not sweep grass clippings and garden waste into streets or over sidewalks. This includes being aware of how you administer your fertilizer, ensuring it does not find its way into our storm sewer system.

- Never pour household chemicals into storm drains or on streets and always dispose of hazardous waste properly! You can call the WV DEP for any hazardous waste questions at 304-558-5938.



### TRASH

How long does it really last?

