



Storm Water News



July, 2023

HOBART SANITARY/STORMWATER DISTRICT
PROVIDING ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE SERVICE

414 Main Street, Hobart, IN 46342

Did You Know?

The Top Ten Water Debris Items Are:

- Cigarettes/cigarette butts
- Plastic bags
- Food wrappers/containers
- Caps/lids
- Plastic bottles
- Cups, plates, plastic utensils
- Glass bottles
- Beverage cans
- Straws, stirrers (plastic)
- Paper bags

Homemade Herbicides

Do you know that strong commercial made herbicides can end up polluting our water supply.

Use these homemade alternatives instead. **It is important to only apply these to the plants you wish to get rid of.**

The most environmentally friendly way to get rid of weeds is to pull them up, dig out the roots, let them dry in the sun, and then add them to a compost or mulch pile.

Drench weeds with boiling water. This works well for weeds growing up in the cracks of your sidewalk or driveway, or in an area that

you'd like to replant after the weeds are gone.

Douse weeds with sodium chloride, or common table salt. This can be harmful to the soil, so apply only to the leaves, and do not soak the soil. Dissolve 1 part salt in 8 parts hot water and add a small amount of liquid dish soap, pour in a spray bottle. Cover or tie back any nearby plants you don't want to kill, then spray with solution. Multiple applications may be necessary.

Apply white vinegar to weed leaves. The white vinegar sold in grocery stores is about 5% acetic acid, which is usually strong enough to kill most weeds. Repeated applications may be necessary.

Combine table salt or rock salt with white vinegar (1 cup salt to 1 gallon vinegar), and then spray mixture on the foliage of weed plants. Adding liquid soap is said to add to the efficacy of this weedkiller. Don't soak soil.

Borax, sold in grocery stores, can be used as a herbicide. Add 10 ounces of powdered borax to 2.5 gallons of water, mix thoroughly, and use a sprayer to coat the leaves of weeds.

Avoid soaking the soil and avoid contact with skin.

Source: Derek Markham
Homemade Herbicides

Fireworks

Just a reminder to keep your pets indoors, and safe from fireworks, and the loud noises that they make.

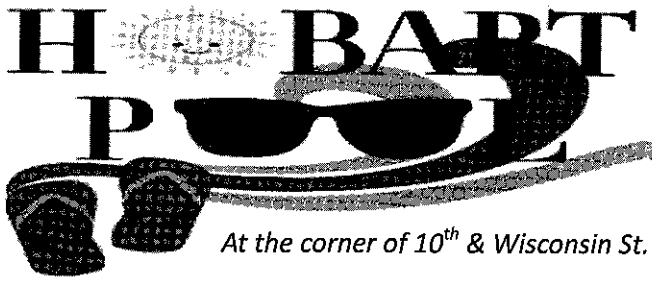
If you shoot off fireworks into the street, please sweep them up after you are done and so that they don't make their way into the storm drains and into the nearest water body.

Dunk used fireworks and duds in water after use. Put them in a bucket of water until they are completely cooled and all embers are put out. Soak for at least 15 minutes or overnight if possible. Never try to relight duds.

Do not soak fireworks in or near a natural body of water. Materials used to make them can pollute the water.

Put the soaked fireworks into plastic trash bags so they don't dry out and please dispose of bags in trash.

**Hobart Stormwater District
MS4 Education/Outreach
(219) 942-3619**



At the corner of 10th & Wisconsin St.

Open Daily through Sunday, August 13th

(Weather Permitting)

7 Days per Week 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Adult Swim: 10 AM – 11 AM Daily



Summer Market on the Lake

Thursdays through August 10th

4pm-9pm at Festival Park

Band:	Movie:
7/20: Barefoot Charlie	Sonic the Hedgehog 2
7/27: Got Issues Band	Dog
8/3: Love Pumps	----
8/10: The Ginter Allstars	----

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August 17th – 20th at Festival Park

Thursday, August 17th:

5-9 PM: Kid's Zone; Food & Craft Vendors

5-10 PM: Beer Garden

6 PM: Bandshell Entertainment: *Bonfire*

Friday, August 18th:

5-9 PM: Kid's Zone

5-10 PM: Craft Vendors

5-11 PM: Food Vendors

5-11:30 PM: Beer Garden

5 PM: Bandshell Entertainment: *Party Foul*

8 PM: Bandshell Entertainment: *The Blooze Brothers*

Saturday, August 19th:

Noon-9 PM: Kid's Zone

Noon-10 PM: Craft Vendors

Noon-11 PM: Food Vendors

Noon-11:30 PM: Beer Garden

2 PM: Bandshell Entertainment: *Crawpuppies*

2 PM and 4 PM: Silly Safari Kid's Shows

3 PM: Dam Duck Tape and Cardboard Boat Race

5 PM: Bandshell Entertainment: *Funky Mojo Daddy*

8 PM: Bandshell Entertainment: *Positive Vibe Tech.*

Sunday, August 20th:

Noon-9 PM: Kid's Zone, Food & Craft Vendors

Noon-9 PM: Beer Garden

2 PM: Bandshell Entertainment: *Steel Country*

2 PM-6 PM: I Dig Dino Kid's Zone

3 PM: Hobart Parks & Hobart K-9: Dam Duck Race

5 PM: Bandshell Entertainment: *Nawty*

For more information: 219-942-2987

1st Day of School Dates:

School City of Hobart:	Wednesday, August 16 th
Merrillville Schools:	Wednesday, August 16 th
River Forest Schools:	Tuesday, August 15 th