

# Village of New Albany



Dear Residents:

The Village of New Albany takes great pride in the overall quality of its waterways. In a continuing effort to maintain and sustain the natural and pristine environment and to avoid flooding we would like to take this opportunity to inform all property owners whose land contains or abuts a waterway (Creek, stream, tributary, floodplain, etc.) of their obligation to see that these areas remain free and clear of debris.

The Village continues to be very concerned about the health, safety, and property damage risks that occur when waterways are not properly maintained, however we cannot do this alone (Please note the Village of New Albany Service Department takes care of all waterways within public spaces and the right-of-way). In return we recommend that each resident take the following steps to ensure the overall quality of the community waterways.



Examples of various types of debris and litter found within a stream.

## Six Simple Steps to Ensure Better Waterways

1. Riparian landowners should conduct routine inspections twice a year to identify any fallen trees or other debris on their property that must be removed from their section of waterway or floodplain.
2. Special inspections should be made following large storm events, during which a large amount of debris is commonly deposited.
3. Small debris: (Any material that can be removed without the use of tools or equipment) should be removed from the waterway immediately.
4. Fallen trees and other larger debris in a floodplain should be removed, or secured as soon as possible. Fallen trees or large debris within a stream should only be removed during low flow periods, which typically occur during late summer, autumn, and winter. Extremely large logs, and or trees will need to be cut into manageable pieces and dragged out of the stream.
5. Refrain from dumping yard waste (Grass clippings, raked leaves, cut limbs, etc.) into a floodplain, on a stream bank, or within a channel. Yard waste reduces the capacity of a waterway, which eventually leads to flooding. It also reduces the available oxygen for fish and other aquatic life by depleting the oxygen in the stream as it decays.
6. Do not fill a floodplain, or modify a waterway prior to consulting with the Village Engineer. Even the smallest of modifications can have a significant impact on property owners both upstream.

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We hope that everyone will follow these steps so that we may continue to enjoy the natural beauty of our waterways now and for many years to come.

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact us.

Thank you,



Haines Stream in Northeast New Albany

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