

Maintaining your stormwater facilities makes \$ense

Keeping up with maintenance can save money by avoiding costly overhauls, drainage issues and regulatory actions. It will also keep your neighborhood looking better — a win for all neighbors.

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Stormwater Facility Maintenance

A Guide for Residents and Businesses





Keep your neighborhood river-friendly

Stormwater facilities help protect your local streams by filtering pollutants such as metals, sediment, litter and nutrients from yards and streets. They also help to protect groundwater and restore the flow of storm runoff to a more natural state.



Tips for maintaining facilities

- Organizing and educating neighbors can help get things done. Your local jurisdiction may be able to help answer questions at HOA meetings.
- Stick to a maintenance schedule to make sure you don't fall behind routine maintenance tasks such as mowing, weeding and cleaning sediment traps.
- Keep records to document maintenance activities. This will help communicate with neighbors and local inspectors, compare costs and optimize your maintenance schedule.
- Know your resources
 Visit www.stormwaterpartners.com to find information about maintenance, a list of contractors, and contact information for your local jurisdiction. Staff from your local jurisdiction can help answer questions specific

What am I required to do?

As the owner of a private stormwater facility, you are required to maintain the facility so that it functions as intended. Contact your local jurisdiction for specific maintenance standards.

Stormwater facilities are to be inspected annually. You should maintain records of these inspections. If a contractor or service provider is maintaining the facility, request an inspection report for your records.

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Your stormwater facility includes the following components: Sediment trap Bioretention cell Trash screen Permeable pavement Grassy swale Grated inlet Inlet **Energy dissipater** Outlet Riprap Filter vault Flow control Catch basin structure Curb cut Oil-water separator Notes:



Staff from your local jurisdiction can provide technical assistance at no cost

Stormwater facility owners may not be able to perform all maintenance tasks on their own. Some maintenance tasks require special equipment, expertise or confined space certification.

Find a list of contractors at stormwaterpartners.com/contractors

