

Make sure sediment traps are maintained annually to keep your stormwater facility functioning properly.

Sediment traps allow fine dirt particles to settle before entering the stormwater facility. This preserves the functionality and lifespan of the facility by preventing sediment from accumulating in the planted area.

Where to find it:

Sediment traps are usually found near the inlet of a stormwater facility.

Before:

This sediment trap has accumulated dirt and debris.



When to maintain it:

Remove sediment and manage vegetation annually in summer months, before winter rains.

After:

The dirt and debris have been removed and disposed of.





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What you'll need:

- flat tip shovel
- 2-3 buckets lined with trash bags
- work gloves and eye protection

For vegetation you may need:

- pruners
- weed eater
- rake



Step 1: Maintain vegetation around sediment trap to allow for easy access.



Step 2: Use a shovel to scrape dirt and debris off the bottom of the sediment trap.



Step 3: Empty dirt and debris into buckets and bag for disposal.



Step 4: Residents may dispose of material in regular trash. DO NOT dispose in yard waste cart or compost.



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