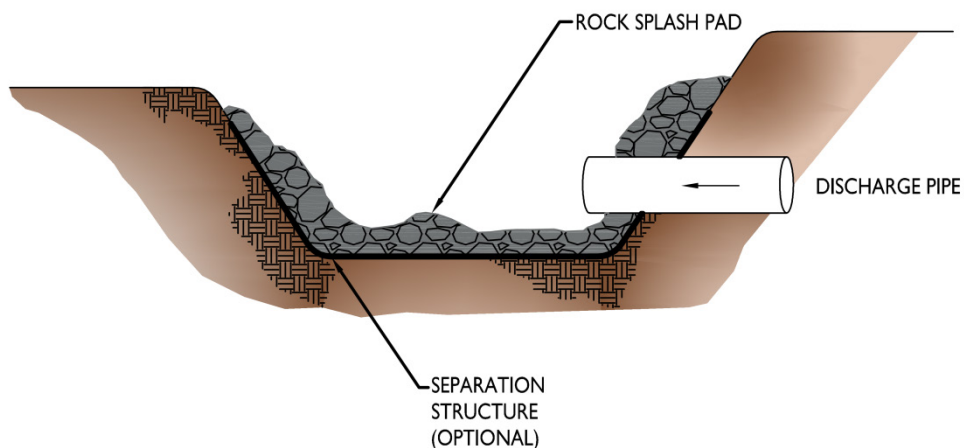


Energy Dissipater / Outfall Protection

An energy dissipater is installed on or near the inlet or outlet to a closed pipe system to prevent erosion at these locations. There are a variety of designs, including wire gabion baskets, rock splash pads, trenches, and specially designed pools or manholes. The rock splash pad is typically constructed of 4- to 12-inch diameter rocks a minimum of 12 inches thick and is often lined with filter fabric. The rock pad should extend above the top of the pipe a minimum of 1 foot.

Facility features that are typically associated with energy dissipaters include:

- detention ponds
- infiltration basin
- wetponds
- treatment wetlands



Key Operations and Maintenance Considerations

- The most common tools for maintenance are hand tools such as rakes to redistribute rocks as necessary.
- Periodic removal of sediment or debris may be necessary.

Stormwater Treatment, Flow Control, and Conveyance Facility Components

Energy Dissipaters			
Drainage System Feature	Potential Defect	Conditions When Maintenance Is Needed	Minimum Performance Standard
External:			
Rock Pad	Missing or Moved Rock	Only one layer of rock exists above native soil in area five square feet or larger, or any exposure of native soil.	Rock pad has been replaced to design function.
	Erosion	Soil erosion in or adjacent to rock pad.	Rock pad has been replaced to design function.
	Sediment	Sediment on top of rock pad exceeds 10% of the surface.	Rock pad has been cleared of sediment.
	Poisonous Plants and Noxious Weeds	Any poisonous plants or nuisance vegetation which may constitute a hazard to maintenance personnel or the public. Any evidence of noxious weeds as defined by State or local regulations. (Coordinate with Clark County Environmental Services Department, Vegetation Management Program.)	No danger of poisonous vegetation where maintenance personnel or the public might normally be. Eradication of Class A weeds as required by State law. Control of Class B weeds designated by Clark County Weed Board. Control of other listed weeds as directed by local policies. Apply requirements of adopted IPM policy for the use of herbicides.
	Other Weeds	Other weeds (not listed on County/State noxious weed lists) are present on the rock pad.	Weeds have been removed per the routine maintenance schedule, following IPM protocols.
Dispersion Trench	Pipe Plugged with Sediment	Accumulated sediment that exceeds 20% of the design depth.	Pipe is free of sediment and meets design specifications.
	Not Discharging Water Properly	Visual evidence of water discharging at concentrated points along trench (normal condition is a "sheet flow" of water along trench). Intent is to prevent erosion damage.	Trench has been repaired or modified such that it does not discharge at concentrated points and meets design function.
	Perforations Plugged	Over 1/2 of perforations in pipe are plugged with debris and sediment.	Perforated pipe has been cleaned or replaced and <25% of perforations are plugged.
	Water Flows Out Top of "Distributor" Catch Basin	Maintenance person observes or receives credible report of water flowing out during any storm less than the design storm or its causing or appears likely to cause damage.	Facility rebuilt per design specifications or redesigned to meet approved County standards.
	Receiving Area Over-Saturated	Water in receiving area is causing or has potential of causing landslide problems.	No danger of landslides.
Internal:			
Manhole/ Chamber	Worn or Damaged Post, Baffles, Side of Chamber	Structure dissipating flow deteriorates to 1/2 of original size or any concentrated worn spot exceeding one square foot which would make structure unsound.	Structure replaced to design standards.
Catch Basins	See "Catch Basins"		

Stormwater Conveyance Pipe

Storm sewer pipes convey stormwater. Inlet and outlet stormwater pipes convey stormwater in, through, and out of stormwater facilities.

Pipes are built from many materials and are sometimes perforated to allow stormwater to infiltrate into the ground. Pipes are cleaned to remove sediment or blockages when problems are identified. Stormwater pipes must be clear of obstructions and breaks to prevent localized flooding. All stormwater pipes should be in proper working order and free of the possible defects listed below.

Key Operations and Maintenance Considerations

- The most common tool for cleaning stormwater conveyance pipes is a truck with a tank, vacuum hose, and a jet hose (Vactor® truck) to flush sediment and debris from the pipes.

Stormwater Conveyance Pipe			
Drainage System Feature	Potential Defect	Conditions When Maintenance Is Needed	Minimum Performance Standard
General	Contaminants and Pollution	Any evidence of oil, gasoline, contaminants or other pollutants. Sheen, obvious oil or other contaminants present. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and remove source, AND Report to Clark County Clean Water Program. 	No contaminants or pollutants present.
	Drainage Slow	Decreased capacity that indicates slow drainage. Does not meet facility design infiltration rate. The Water Quality Design Storm Volume does not infiltrate within 48 hours (if perforated pipe). Water remains in the pipe for greater than 24 hours after the end of most moderate rainfall events.	Perforated drain pipe has been cleaned and drainage rates are per design specifications. (Do not allow removed sediment and water to discharge back into the storm sewer.)
	Obstructions, Including Roots	Root enters or deforms pipe, reducing flow.	Roots have been removed from pipe (using mechanical methods; do not put root-dissolving chemicals in storm sewer pipes). If necessary, vegetation over the line removed.
	Pipe Dented or Broken	Inlet/outlet piping damaged or broken and in need of repair.	Pipe repaired and/or replaced per design standards.
	Pipe Rusted or Deteriorated	Any part of the piping that is crushed or deformed more than 20% or any other failure to the piping.	Pipe repaired and/or replaced per design standards.
	Sediment & Debris	Sediment depth is greater than 20% of pipe diameter.	Pipe has been cleaned and is free of sediment/ debris. (Upstream debris traps installed where applicable.)
	Debris Barrier or Trash Rack Missing	Stormwater pipes > than 18 inches need debris barrier.	Debris barrier present on all stormwater pipes 18 inches and greater.