

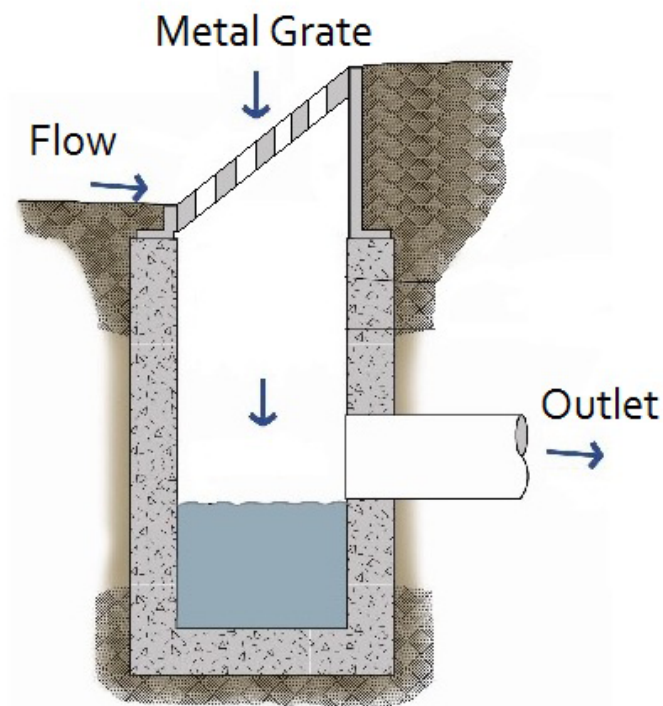
Field Inlet

A field inlet is a concrete structure fitted with a slotted grate to collect stormwater runoff and route it through underground pipes.

Field inlets typically provide a storage volume (sump) below the outlet pipe to allow sediments and debris to settle out of the stormwater runoff. Some field inlets are fitted with a spill control device (inverted elbow on outlet pipe) intended to contain large quantities of grease or oils.

Facility objects that are typically associated with a field inlet include:

- access road or easement
- control structure/flow restrictor
- biofiltration swale
- detention pond
- infiltration trench



Key Operations and Maintenance Considerations

- The most common tool for cleaning field inlets is a truck with a tank and vacuum hose (Vactor® truck) to remove sediment and debris from the sump.

Stormwater Treatment, Flow Control, and Conveyance Facility Components

- A field inlet may be an enclosed space where harmful chemicals and vapors can accumulate. Therefore, if the inspection and maintenance requires entering a field inlet, it should be conducted by an individual trained and certified to work in hazardous confined spaces.

Field Inlet			
Drainage System Feature	Potential Defect	Conditions When Maintenance Is Needed	Minimum Performance Standard
Note: table spans multiple pages.			
General	Trash and Debris	Trash or debris which is located immediately in front of the catch basin opening or is blocking inletting capacity of the field inlet by more than 10%.	No trash or debris located immediately in front of field inlet or on grate opening.
		Trash or debris (in the field inlet) that exceeds 60 percent of the sump depth as measured from the bottom of basin to invert of the lowest pipe into or out of the basin, but in no case less than a minimum of six inches clearance from the debris surface to the invert of the lowest pipe.	No trash or debris in the field inlet.
		Trash or debris in any inlet or outlet pipe blocking more than 1/3 of its height.	Inlet and outlet pipes free of trash or debris.
		Dead animals or vegetation that could generate odors that could cause complaints or dangerous gases (e.g., methane).	No dead animals or vegetation present within the field inlet.
	Sediment	Sediment (in the basin) that exceeds 60 percent of the sump depth as measured from the bottom of basin to invert of the lowest pipe into or out of the basin, but in no case less than a minimum of 6 inches clearance from the sediment surface to the invert of the lowest pipe.	No sediment in the field inlet.
	Structure Damage to Frame and/or Top Slab	Top slab has holes larger than 2 square inches or cracks wider than 1/4 inch. (Intent is to make sure no material is running into basin).	Top slab is free of holes and cracks.
		Frame not sitting flush on top slab, i.e., separation of more than 3/4 inch of the frame from the top slab. Frame not securely attached.	Frame is sitting flush on the riser rings or top slab and firmly attached.
	Fractures or Cracks in Basin Walls/ Bottom	Maintenance person judges that structure is unsound.	Basin replaced or repaired to design standards.
		Grout fillet has separated or cracked wider than 1/2 inch and longer than 1 foot at the joint of any inlet/outlet pipe or any evidence of soil particles entering field inlet through cracks.	Pipe is regouted and secure at basin wall.

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	Settlement/ Misalignment	If failure of basin has created a safety, function, or design problem.	Basin replaced or repaired to design standards.
	Vegetation Inhibiting System	Vegetation growing across and blocking more than 10% of the basin opening.	No vegetation blocking opening to basin.
		Vegetation growing in inlet/outlet pipe joints that is more than six inches tall and less than six inches apart.	No vegetation or root growth present.
	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.
Metal Grates	Grate Not in Place	Cover is missing or only partially in place. Any open field inlet requires maintenance.	Field inlet cover is closed.
	Grate Opening Unsafe	Grate with opening wider than 3 inches.	Grate opening meets design standards.
	Trash and Debris	Trash and debris that is blocking more than 20% of grate surface inletting capacity.	Grate free of trash and debris.
	Damaged or Missing	Grate missing or broken member(s) of the grate.	Grate is in place and meets design standards.