



Mowing Patterns

Alternate mowing patterns and keep off wet soils to prevent ruts from forming, which can lead to channeling and costly overhauls.

Grass plays an important role in your stormwater facility by filtering pollutants. This helps to protect water quality in your local stream. Keeping your grass healthy and maintained helps keep your stormwater facility in compliance and looking good.

Where to find it:

You'll find grass in swales, infiltration basins and along the edges of ponds.

When to maintain it:

Mow throughout the year to keep grass 3 to 6" high. Do not mow if ground is very wet.

First time mowing:

This swale was mowed widthwise the first time.



Next time mowing:

This swale was mowed lengthwise the next time.



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What you'll need:

- personal protective equipment (gloves, eye and ear protection)
- mower - push or riding (greater impact)
- blower or rake



Step 1: When the swale is not excessively wet, mow grass to 3-6" high.



Step 2: Keep grass on side slopes below 12".



Step 3: Use a blower or rake to remove grass clipping from the swale bottom.



Step 4: Next time you mow, go in a different direction to prevent ruts from forming.



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