

*Pollution prevention is everyone's responsibility.*

**Remember:**

- ◆ You are responsible for maintaining your stormwater control measures!
- ◆ Check your deed to see if your stormwater control measure has an associated **Long Term Maintenance Plan**.
- ◆ **Regular inspection and early maintenance** protects your investment and saves you money in the long-term.
- ◆ **Talk to your landscape service** about stormwater control features on your property.
- ◆ **Stay in compliance** and submit your reports annually by July 1.



## Maintaining Stormwater Control Measures

*(Best Management Practices)*

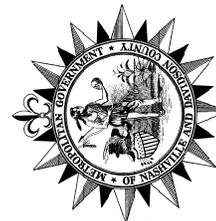
*What you need to know to stay in compliance*

**Contact NPDES at 615-880-2420**

if you do not know which stormwater control measures / best management practices are located on your property.

More information at:  
[www.nashville.gov/Water-Services/Pollution-Prevention](http://www.nashville.gov/Water-Services/Pollution-Prevention)

**Stormwater– NPDES  
1607 County Hospital Rd  
Nashville, TN 37218**



# Look for these items during regular inspections

**Inspect your BMPs on a regular basis.** At a minimum, inspect twice a year and after major rain events. Finding and addressing a problem early can save you money in the long term. If your BMP is not functioning correctly, then you are allowing pollution from your property to enter our Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System and our common streams and rivers. Anything other than pure rain that enters the storm sewer system without a permit is an illicit discharge (pollution) and subject to enforcement.



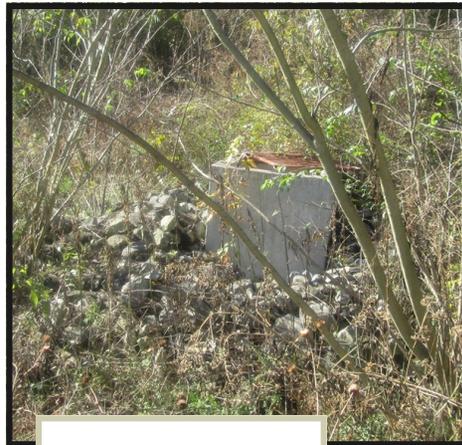
Well maintained detention pond: mowed vegetation, clear and unobstructed outlet

## Talk with your landscaping crew

Your landscape crew knows your property well, but may not know that certain features have important stormwater management functions.

Explain to your landscaper the unique stormwater features on your property.

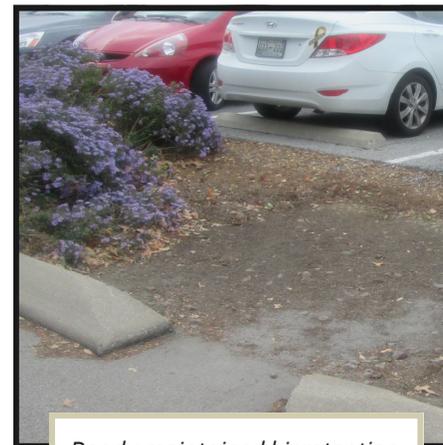
Enlist the crew as your eyes and ears. (Why couldn't they check to make sure the outlet is not blocked while mowing the detention pond? )



Overgrown detention pond, blocked outlet

## Dry Detention Pond

- ✓ Outlet structures free of blockages
- ✓ Grass cut at correct height
- ∅ Overgrown vegetation
- ∅ Water still ponding 72 hours after rain stops
- ∅ Trash and debris
- ∅ Erosion/ bare soil
- ∅ Sediment build-up in forebay



Poorly maintained bioretention (eroding soil, lacks vegetation)

## Bioretention

- ✓ Healthy plants
- ✓ Planting bedding: amount and type of mulch matches plans
- ∅ Clogged outlets
- ∅ Water still ponding 72 hours after rain indicates infiltration problem

### Remember:

The primary function of bioretention is stormwater quality, not landscaping aesthetics!



Poorly maintained underground filter unit (clogged with trash)

## Underground Filters

- ✓ Safe access to filter Manhole
- ∅ Accumulated debris /trash
- ∅ Sediment build-up
- ∅ Clogged or over-turned filters, allowing water to bypass

**Note:** These underground units may have Confined Space Entry requirements.



Well maintained pervious pavers: no fine sediment in porous spaces, no ponding water after rain

Visit our website for:

- ✓ Checklists to help with inspections
- ✓ Information about Metro ordinances and permits that apply to stormwater

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