

Stormwater Maintenance

What is Stormwater?

Stormwater is water that originates during rain events and runs off surfaces such as rooftops, parking lots, and streets.

What is Runoff?

Runoff is the flow of water over your gutters, roofs, and streets. When it rains, the runoff flows to ditches, culverts, and the edge of roadways, where it eventually flows to streams, creeks, and rivers.

Because impervious surfaces (parking lots, roads, buildings, etc.) do not allow rain to soak into the ground, more runoff is generated than in pervious areas (lawns, open fields, etc.).

What is a Storm Sewer System?

A storm sewer system is the entire collection of ditches, edge of pavements, culverts, and other drainage structures where runoff travels through until it reaches a stream or river. Unlike the sanitary sewer system, the runoff is released untreated.

What are Common Problems Created by Stormwater?

During rain events stormwater runoff can flood homes, yards, and roads. Blockages in the storm sewer system result in flooding. Large amounts of runoff can cause severe erosion that threatens utilities, roads, etc.



Stormwater Maintenance strives to effectively solve stormwater related problems by cleaning, repairing, and constructing storm sewer systems.

The Stormwater Maintenance Section manages the following:

- Clogged culverts
- Blocked ditches
- Filled-in ditches that need to be redefined
- Collapsed culverts
- Fallen trees across ditches
- Homes, streets, or yards flooding when it rains
- Ditches & culverts too small for regular rain events
- Severe erosion threatening utilities, roadways, etc.

*The following duties and issues
are outside the limits of
Stormwater Maintenance:*

Mowing grass along ditches

Flooding caused by
proximity to a floodplain

Removing vegetation along streams

Fallen trees not impacting the
flow of water

Underground springs
coming up in yards

Mosquitoes

Home flooding due
to underground springs or
ground water

Sinkholes on private property

Runoff from one private property
to another private property



If you need any assistance or accommodations,
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Contact Information

Metropolitan Government of Nashville
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Metro Water Services welcomes your
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To report a drainage-related

Concern, please call

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