City of Snohomish
Private Stormwater Facility Maintenance Tips

Property owners are responsible for ensuring that private stormwater facilities are properly maintained and functioning as designed per Snohomish Municipal Code (SMC) 15.16. These maintenance tips can be reviewed along with the completed inspection checklist to schedule service for your private stormwater facilities.

Stormwater Facility Component	Typical Maintenance Tasks
Catch Basins	• Clean litter, leaves, and dirt from on and around grate • Change filter if torn; remove and clean if dirty • Remove sediment buildup from inside the basin if it is more than 60% full – Contact a vactor vender for cleaning • Repair lids, ladders, and grates as needed
Detention Pond Sides, Embankments, and Bottom	• Remove non-native invasive species • Remove trash, yard waste, and other woody debris from sides and bottom • Clean any oil sheen from water with oil absorbent pad or vactor truck • Re-seed large bare areas • Repair and stabilize eroded slopes
Inlet – Pipe	• Remove excessive vegetation • Remove sediment from pipe • Repair damaged pipe
Inlet – Swale	• Remove excessive vegetation from swale inlet • Repair damaged inlet
Inlet – Rock Lined Ditch	• Remove vegetation • Clear rocks from inlet/outlet
Rock baffle	• Remove excessive vegetation • Remove sediment or other buildup
Energy Dissipater / Splash Pad	• Remove excessive vegetation • Replace rocks if missing • Clear litter or other debris
Outlet	• Remove excessive vegetation • Remove sediment from pipe • Repair damaged pipe
Outfall	• Remove excessive vegetation • Clear litter or debris
Spillway	• Remove excessive vegetation • Clear litter or other debris
Infiltration Trench	• Remove excessive vegetation • Clear litter or debris
Swale	• Remove trees and excessive vegetation from sides and bottom • Remove non-native invasive species • Clear litter, grass clippings, yard waste, and other debris
Fence	• Repair or replace damaged fence sections • Repair or replace damaged locks and gates
Access Road	• Remove excessive vegetation • Repair damaged roadway