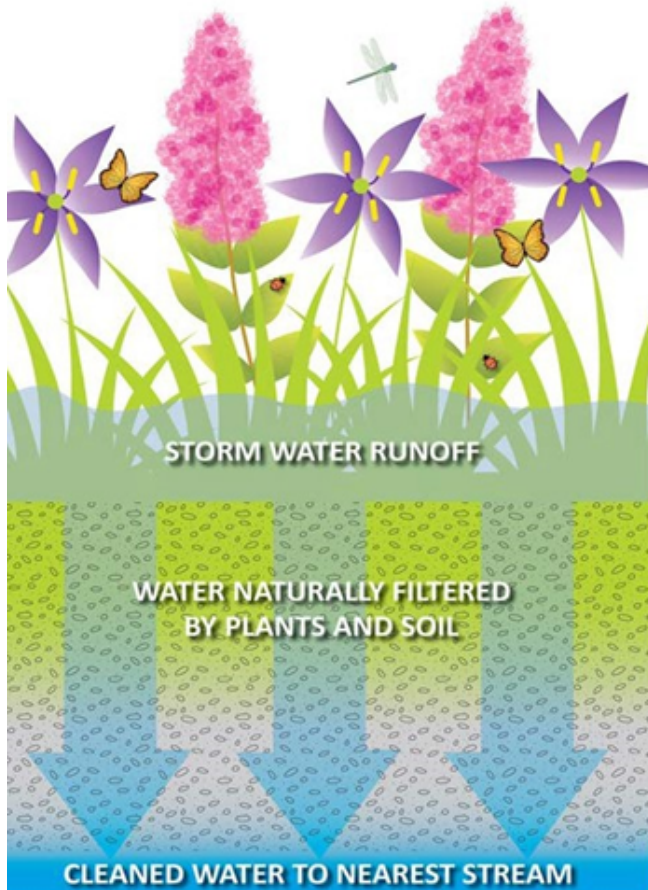


HOW YOUR FACILITY WORKS

Stormwater facilities are designed to collect, filter, and manage stormwater. By maintaining your facility, you can reduce pollution, flooding, erosion, long-term maintenance costs, and provide habitat. These facilities should be inspected and weeded regularly, especially during the growing season.



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THE ENVIRONMENT!**


















VEGETATED STORMWATER FACILITY MAINTENANCE GUIDE



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Activity	Frequency	Comments
Remove trash and debris (i.e. leaves) from facility inlets	Monthly and after major storms     Spring Summer Fall Winter	Remove trash and debris like leaves and other materials from the facility
Remove accumulated sediment from the facility base	When sediment reaches 2-3" or once a year; during dry season 	Carefully remove sediment deposits, especially at inlet structure near downspout
Water plants	During dry or summer months, usually between June-October 	Irrigate or hand water all plants between early June and late October
Remove weeds	As needed in spring, summer and fall   	Look out for invasives such as Himalayan Blackberry, Thistle, and Teasel
Plant replacement	As needed, inspect yearly in March-May or October-November  	Please call with questions
Prune trees and shrubs	As needed, inspect yearly in winter 	Prune if vegetation becomes large enough to shade grasses or impact right-of-way sight line
Cut back grasses and grass-like plants	As needed, inspect yearly in spring  	Cut back to 6-8" from ground. Remove plants blocking inlets/outlets
Inspect and maintain structures such as inlets, outlets, splash pads, and check dams	As needed, inspect yearly before rainy season 	Inspect after heavy rain. Water should drain within 24 hours of initial storm

RECOMMENDED PLANTS



Slough Sedge
Carex obnupta



Spreading Rush
Juncus patens



Kelsey Dogwood
Cornus sericea 'kelseyi'



Japanese Spiraea
Spiraea japonica



Ice Dance
Carex morrowii



Salmonberry
Rubus spectabilis