PRIVATE STORMWATER FACILITY MAINTENANCE



Make sure trash screens, also called debris barriers, are maintained annually so stormwater can flow through your facility properly.

Trash screens trap larger debris to keep it contained within the sediment trap. This prevents debris from accumulating in vegetated areas and smothering plants needed for the facility to function as designed.

Where to find it:

Trash screens are typically part of a sediment trap which is near the inlet of stormwater facilities.

Before:

This trash screen has accumulated trash and debris.



When to maintain it:

Clear and remove accumulated debris annually in summer months before winter rains.

After:

Trash and debris have been removed and disposed of.





For more information and technical assistance visit:

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Tools you may need:

- work gloves
- buckets lined with trash bags
- flat-tipped shovel
- broom and dust pan
- rake



Step 1: Remove trash screen. Most trash screens fit into slots in the sediment trap.



Step 2: Tap the screen against the inside of the sediment trap or use a broom/rake to remove material. Do this inside the sediment trap for easy cleanup.



Step 3: Sweep up and bag the debris.



Step 4: Reinstall the trash screen. Dispose of material with regular trash.



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