

Stormwater Pond Maintenance

Description

Stormwater ponds are a form of stormwater management and are used to collect rainwater and pollutants as well as to prevent flooding. These ponds are fitted with a control structure that lets water flow out at a slower rate than rainwater is entering, giving pollutants time to settle to the bottom of the pond before the water is released into local waterways. By removing some litter and pollutants from runoff, stormwater retention ponds can help improve the health of local streams and rivers as well as the Chesapeake Bay as a whole.



Recommended & Required Maintenance

- Mow the grass around the pond area at least twice a year.
- Remove all trees and woody vegetation that are within 25 feet of the pond, particularly those on the pond embankment (dam) or near the outlet.
- Remove trash and debris from in and around the pond monthly.
- Seed and cover areas of bare soil to prevent erosion.
- Check that all pond safety signs and fencing are in place and in good condition on a regular basis.
- **Do not** apply herbicides, fertilizers, or pesticides in or around the pond.
- Regular maintenance and observation will reduce the likelihood of serious failures such as damaged control structures, excessive erosion, or sink holes by fixing the issue before it becomes a problem.

