

Infiltration System Maintenance Requirements

Important maintenance procedures:

- The drainage area will be carefully managed to reduce The sediment load to The infiltration basin.
- Immediately after the infiltration basin is established, the vegetation will be watered twice weekly if needed until the plants become established (commonly six weeks).
- No portion of the infiltration basin will be fertilized after the initial fertilization that is required to establish the vegetation.
- The vegetation in and around the basin will be maintained at a height of approximately six inches.

After the infiltration basin is established, it shall be inspected **once a quarter and within 24 hours after every storm event greater than 1.0 inches (or 1.5 inches if in a Coastal County)**. Records of operation and maintenance shall be kept in a known set location and shall be available upon request.

Inspection activities shall be performed as follows. Any problems that are found shall be repaired immediately.

BMP element:	Potential problem:	How to remediate the problem:
The entire BMP	Trash/debris is present.	Remove the trash/debris.
The perimeter of the infiltration basin	Areas of bare soil and/or erosive gullies have formed.	Regrade the soil if necessary to remove the gully, and then plant a ground cover and water until it is established. Provide lime and a one-time fertilizer application.
The inlet device: pipe or swale	The pipe is clogged (if applicable).	Unclog the pipe. Dispose of the sediment off-site.
	The pipe is cracked or otherwise damaged (if applicable).	Replace the pipe.
	Erosion is occurring in the swale (if applicable).	Regrade the swale if necessary to smooth it over and provide erosion control devices such as reinforced turf matting or riprap to avoid future problems with erosion.
The forebay	Sediment has accumulated and reduced the depth to 75% of the original design depth.	Search for the source of the sediment and remedy the problem if possible. Remove the sediment and dispose of it in a location where it will not cause impacts to streams or the BMP.
	Erosion has occurred or riprap is displaced.	Provide additional erosion protection such as reinforced turf matting or riprap if needed to prevent future erosion problems.
	Weeds are present.	Remove the weeds, preferably by hand. If pesticides are used, wipe them on the plants rather than spraying.
The main treatment area	A visible layer of sediment has accumulated.	Search for the source of the sediment and remedy the problem if possible. Remove the sediment and dispose of it in a location where it will not cause impacts to streams or the BMP. Replace any media that was removed in the process. Revegetate disturbed areas immediately.
	Water is standing more than 5 days after a storm event.	Replace the top few inches of filter media and see if this corrects the standing water problem. If so, revegetate immediately. If not, consult an appropriate professional for a more extensive repair.
	Weeds and noxious plants are growing in the main treatment area.	Remove the plants by hand or by wiping them with pesticide (do not spray).
The embankment	Shrubs or trees have started to grow on the embankment.	Remove shrubs or trees immediately.
	An annual inspection by an appropriate professional shows that the embankment needs repair.	Make all needed repairs.
The outlet device	Clogging has occurred.	Clean out the outlet device. Dispose of the sediment off-site.
	The outlet device is damaged	Repair or replace the outlet device.
The receiving water	Erosion or other signs of damage have occurred at the outlet.	Contact the local NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources Regional Office.