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Environmental Programs

Your Structural BMP

INFORMATION GUIDE

Development projects replace natural landscapes with man-made structures like driveways, parking lots, and buildings. Unlike natural landscapes capable of absorbing rain water, new hardscapes associated with development generate increased amounts of storm water runoff.

This runoff can carry pollutants such as trash, fertilizers, pesticides, and sediment into our nearby creeks, rivers, and ocean. To reduce the negative impact storm water runoff can have on our local waterways, certain developed properties are required to maintain structural best management practices, or "structural BMPs".

To help property owners understand their responsibilities related to structural BMPs, the **City of Escondido Environmental Programs Division** has created this informational guide.

Drain Insert BMP

Vegetated BMP

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What Is A Structural BMP?

Structural BMPs are devices or landscape features that help to prevent pollutants in storm water runoff from leaving a developed property, entering our storm drains, and impacting our local waterways. All types of structural BMPs require regular inspection and maintenance to ensure that they are operating effectively.

Property owners are responsible for submitting documentation of their inspection findings and maintenance activities annually. **This is why the City of Escondido is requesting information about your structural BMPs. Please note that failure to comply with these requirements may initiate an enforcement investigation or a follow up inspection.**

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What Do I Need To Do?

STEP 1

Locate all of your storm water structural BMPs

Your BMPs will be listed on the BMP Maintenance Certification form sent to you by the City each year. Their specific locations are shown on your development's grading plan.

STEP 2

Inspect and maintain your BMPs

Typical maintenance includes removing trash and accumulated sediment, trimming overgrown vegetation, repairing eroded areas, and replacing damaged BMP components. Make sure to record your inspection findings and maintenance activities in your BMP Maintenance Certification form. For more information about inspection and maintenance, visit our structural BMP maintenance web page at the URL listed below.

STEP 3

Take photos of your BMPs

After each of your BMPs has been inspected and/or maintained, take photos of the BMP. The photos should show that each BMP is in good condition and ready for the upcoming rainy season. Make sure to take at least one photo of each BMP.

STEP 4

Submit your documents to the City

Send your BMP Maintenance Certification form, BMP photos, and any other documentation (service invoices, receipts, etc.) to the City.

Submit by email:

BMPsupport@escondido.org

- Include your address and the words "BMP Maintenance Certification" in the subject line.
- Emails sent to this address must be smaller than 10MB. Larger emails cannot be received.

Submit by mail:

Environmental Programs, Attn: BMP
City of Escondido
201 N. Broadway
Escondido, CA 92025

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thank you for doing your part to protect our waterways

For Questions, Contact Us At:

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BMPsupport@escondido.org ○ 760-839-4079

www.escondido.org/structural-best-management-practices-maintenance-.aspx

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