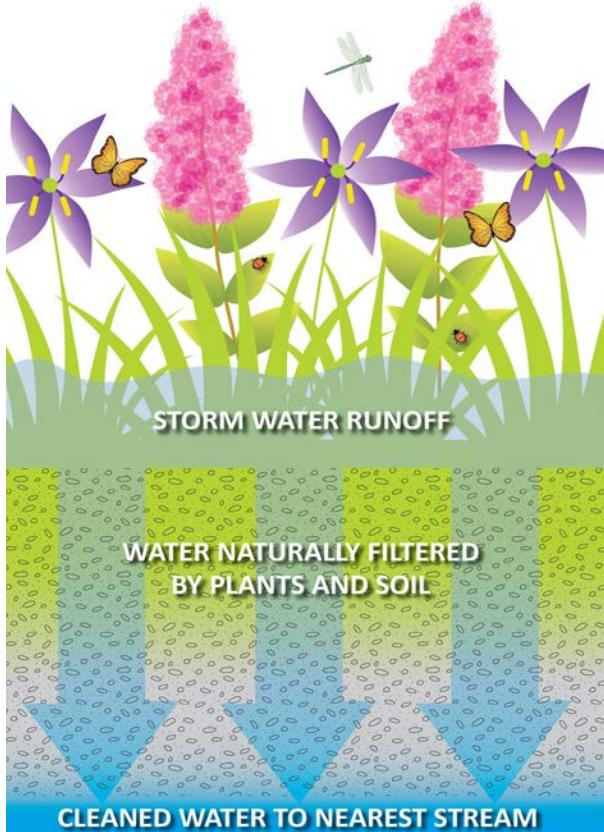


# HOW DOES YOUR FACILITY WORK?



**Thank you for protecting  
our waterways and  
the environment!**

By maintaining your vegetated water quality facility, you are:

- Providing beauty and habitat
- Reducing pollution
- Reducing stormwater runoff
- Reducing long-term maintenance costs

Other recommended plant options:



DENSE SEDGE  
*Carex densa*



ICE DANCE  
*Carex morrowii*



TUFTED HAIRGRASS  
*Deschampsia cespitosa*



SALMONBERRY  
*Rubus spectabilis*



ALPINE CURRANT  
*Ripe alpinum*

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RESIDENTIAL STORMWATER PLANTER

# GENERAL MAINTENANCE

ACTIVITY	HOW OFTEN?	WHEN?	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter	Comments
Remove TRASH and debris from the inlets and within the facility.	Monthly and after every major storm.	Any time of the year.					Remove trash and debris like leaves and other material from your facility.
Remove accumulated SEDIMENT from the base of the facility.	When sediment reaches 2" to 3" in depth, or once a year.	Ideally in the dry season.					Carefully remove sediment deposits. Especially at inlet structure near downspout.
WATER plants	Water plants during the dry season	Summer months.					Irrigate or hand water all plants between early June and late October
Remove WEEDS	As needed.	Spring, Summer and Fall.					Invasive vegetation should be removed. Look out for: Himalayan Blackberry, Thistle and Teasel
PLANT REPLACEMENT	As needed; inspect once per year*	March - May or Oct - Nov.					Please call with questions.
PRUNING trees and shrubs.	As needed; inspect once per year*	Winter is ideal for pruning trees/shrubs.					Prune if vegetation is becoming too large and shading grass.
Cut Back GRASSES and grass-like plants	As needed; inspect once per year*	Spring is ideal time to cut back grasses.					Cut back grasses to 6" to 8" from ground. Remove plants blocking inlet/outlet
Inspect and maintain STRUCTURES such as inlets, outlets, splash pads and check dams.	As needed; inspect once per year*	Before rainy season begins.					Inspect facility after heavy rain events. Ideally should drain 24 hours after a major storm.

\* Contact the local jurisdiction or Clean Water Services to obtain additional information on maintenance activities and schedules.

This stormwater facility can be an amenity to your property while at the same time helping to improve water quality in local streams. In order to ensure your facility functions properly, routine maintenance and inspection is required.

Replacing plants as necessary allows your facility to reach the highest water quality benefit.

In addition to the plants below, please refer to the back of this brochure for more options. Contact us if you would like to use plants that are not on the list.

SLOUGH SEDGE  
*Carex obnupta*



SPREADING RUSH  
*Juncus Patens*



Cornus Sericea  
*Kelseyi*, Dogwood



Japanese Spiraea  
*Spiraea*