

More information

Online Resources

City of Bothell Surface Water Management Division
bothellwa.gov/stormwaterinspections

Bothell Municipal Code
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Surface Water Inspection Program



Program Overview

The goal of the inspection program is to protect and restore our local water resources by ensuring a high performance level from current and future stormwater systems.



Left: Clean control structure



Above: Bothell neighborhood

This effort can reduce flooding and polluted runoff from reaching our streams, rivers, wetlands and Puget Sound.

Remember,



Without regular maintenance and inspection, your system can become compromised, allowing water to be directly discharged into local streams without sediment and pollution control.



Above: Pollutants flowing into stream

An unmaintained system can cause flooding on your property and to those around you, resulting in costly damage or loss.



Above: Flooding of the downtown area

Right: Flooding in North Creek Business Park



Together we can help keep our lakes, rivers, streams, and Puget Sound clean

Common Questions

Q What is a stormwater system?

A stormwater system is any part of an engineered drainage system that collects rain water. Examples include detention ponds, underground vaults, swales, and catchbasins.



Q Why do I need an inspection?

To ensure your system is functioning properly and to keep us in compliance with federal, state, and local regulations.



Q Why should I maintain my system?

In Bothell, these facilities protect your property from flooding and drain directly into our lakes, rivers, and streams without treatment. This means that any pollutants in the water can cause many problems for our local community and can make contact with the water a health risk. In addition, according to BMC 18.04.270, owners are required to maintain their system annually.



Above: Catchbasin in great need of repair, cleaning, and scheduled maintenance

Q How often will I need to have my system cleaned?

Maintenance will depend on the type of system in your care and the surrounding conditions in your community. Establishing a maintenance schedule is the best way to ensure your system is functioning properly.



Q What should I do if my system needs maintenance?

First, you will need to get one or more cost estimates for required maintenance and repair work. A list of licensed contractors is provided for your convenience. Then, you will need to choose a contractor, schedule the work, and finally you will need to return the work order to us once everything is complete.

Q How much time will I have to complete the work?

You will typically have 30 days after you receive the work order. Extensions can be granted if written proof of intent is submitted within the 30 day timeframe. Failure to comply with these requirements can be subject to civil penalties described in BMC 11.20.010.



Above: Pond is overgrown and unable to function

Q What information do I need to provide to the City?

The City needs to have current contact information for the lead property owner, manager, or homeowners association president who represents all affected parties. The information needs to include full name, address, phone number, and email. This information can be updated by sending an email to: gunnar.rybacki@bothellwa.gov



Above: Pond is cleaned and able to hold water as designed