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Stormwater Structural Best Management Practices (BMPs) are installed on certain properties across the County in order to help prevent pollutants such as trash, fertilizers, pesticides, and sediment from making their way into storm drains and ultimately to our local creeks, rivers, and ocean. Your property is one of hundreds across the County with at least one BMP.

BMPs Keep Our Waterways Clean

Your BMP is designed to capture debris before it can enter the storm drain system. As an owner of one of these properties, County regulations require you to **perform routine inspections and maintenance actions** to ensure that your BMPs are operating effectively.

Our records indicate that you have at least one drainage insert on your property. To help you maintain this BMP, the **County of San Diego Watershed Protection Program** is providing you with this informational flyer to answer questions you may have about BMPs and how to maintain them.



How Your Drainage Insert BMP Works

Drainage insert BMPs protect our local waterways by capturing trash and debris before they can enter the storm drain system. As water passes through the insert, larger debris is captured and stored until it is removed during maintenance activities. Drainage insert BMPs are often found within inlet points to the local storm drain system.

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Find And Maintain Your BMP



To find your drainage insert BMP, look inside storm drain inlets on your property. They are often holding significant amounts of trash and debris.

Once you have found your drainage insert BMP, it is important to maintain it. Keeping the drainage insert BMP in working condition helps keep our local waterways clean. Below are a few maintenance tasks to perform:

- **Remove any accumulated litter or debris.**
- **Have a properly trained contractor replace any damaged components of the BMP, including any worn filter fabric.**
- **If your insert uses sorbent materials, contact a properly trained contractor to replace them (when needed).**

For a list of other tasks, refer to the maintenance verification form or maintenance plans from your housing developer.

Every year the Watershed Protection Program will send you a maintenance verification form for you to complete, sign, and return to the County. This form is used to verify that necessary maintenance has been completed for your BMP.

Failure to conduct needed maintenance of your BMPs may initiate an enforcement investigation or a follow up inspection.



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