

## S417 BMPs for Maintenance of Stormwater Drainage Systems and Stormwater Management BMPs

**Description of Pollutant Sources:** Facilities include roadside catch basins on arterials and within residential areas, stormwater conveyance systems, detention BMPs such as ponds and vaults, oil/water separators, biofilters, settling basins, infiltration systems, and all other types of stormwater management BMPs presented in [Volume V](#). Oil and grease, hydrocarbons, debris, heavy metals, sediments, and contaminated water are found in catch basins, oil and water separators, settling basins, etc.

**Pollutant Control Approach:** Provide maintenance and cleaning of debris, sediments, and other pollutants from stormwater collection, conveyance, and Runoff Treatment and Flow Control BMPs to maintain proper operation.

### Applicable Operational BMPs:

Maintain stormwater management BMPs per the operations and maintenance (O&M) procedures presented in [Appendix V-A: BMP Maintenance Tables](#), in addition to the following BMPs:

- Inspect and clean stormwater management BMPs, conveyance systems, and catch basins as needed, and determine necessary O&M improvements.
- Promptly repair any deterioration threatening the structural integrity of stormwater facilities. These include replacement of clean-out gates, catch basin lids, and rock in emergency spillways.
- Ensure adequacy of storm sewer capacities and prevent heavy sediment discharges to the sewer system.
- Regularly remove debris and sludge from BMPs used for peak-rate control, treatment, etc. and discharge to a sanitary sewer if approved by the sewer authority, or truck to an appropriate local or state government approved disposal site.
- Clean catch basins when the depth of deposits reaches 60 percent of the sump depth as measured from the bottom of basin to the invert of the lowest pipe into or out of the basin. However, in no case should there be less than six inches clearance from the debris surface to the invert of the lowest pipe. Some catch basins (for example, WSDOT's *Catch Basin Type 1L* ([WSDOT, 2011b](#))) may have as little as 12 inches sediment storage below the invert. These catch basins need frequent inspection and cleaning to prevent scouring. Where these catch basins are part of a stormwater collection and treatment system, the system owner/operator may choose to concentrate maintenance efforts on downstream control devices as part of a systems approach.
- Properly dispose of all solids, polluted material, and stagnant water collected through system cleaning. Do not decant water back into the drainage system from eductor trucks or vacuum equipment since there may be residual contaminants in the cleaning equipment. Do not jet material downstream into the public drainage system.

- Clean woody debris in a catch basin as frequently as needed to ensure proper operation of the catch basin.
- Post warning signs; “Dump No Waste - Drains to Groundwater,” “Streams,” “Lakes,” or emboss on or adjacent to all storm drain inlets where possible. See [S442 BMPs for Labeling Storm Drain Inlets On Your Property](#).
- Disposal of sediments and liquids from the catch basins must comply with [Appendix IV-B: Management of Street Waste Solids and Liquids](#).

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