

Sand Filter Maintenance Requirements

Important maintenance procedures:

- The drainage area will be carefully managed to reduce the sediment load to the sand filter.
- The sedimentation chamber or forebay will be cleaned out whenever sediment depth exceeds six inches.
- Once a year, sand media will be skimmed.
- The sand filter media will be replaced whenever it fails to function properly after maintenance.

The sand filter shall be inspected **quarterly and within 24 hours after every storm event greater than 1.0 inches (or 1.5 inches if in a Coastal County)**. Records of operation and maintenance will be kept in a known set location and will be available upon request.

Inspection activities shall be performed as follows. Any problems that are found shall be repaired immediately.

BMP element:	Potential problem:	How to remediate the problem:
Entire BMP	Trash/debris is present.	Remove the trash/debris.
Adjacent pavement (if applicable)	Sediment is present on the pavement surface.	Sweep or vacuum the sediment as soon as possible.
Perimeter of sand filter	Areas of bare soil and/or erosive gullies have formed.	Regrade the soil if necessary to remove the gully, and then plant a ground cover and water until it is established. Provide lime and a one-time fertilizer application.
	Vegetation is too short or too long.	Maintain vegetation at an appropriate height.
Flow diversion structure	The structure is clogged.	Unclog the conveyance and dispose of any sediment offsite.
	The structure is damaged.	Make any necessary repairs or replace if damage is too large for repair.
The inlet device	The pipe is clogged.	Unclog the pipe. Dispose of the sediment off-site.
	The pipe is cracked or otherwise damaged.	Replace the pipe.
	Erosion is occurring in the swale.	Regrade the swale if necessary to smooth it over and provide erosion control devices such as reinforced turf matting or riprap to avoid future problems with erosion.
	Stone verge is clogged or covered in sediment (if applicable).	Remove sediment and replace with clean stone.
Forebay or pretreatment area	Sediment has accumulated to a depth of greater than six inches.	Search for the source of the sediment and remedy the problem if possible. Remove the sediment and stabilize or dispose of it in a location where it will not cause impacts to streams or the BMP.
	Erosion has occurred.	Provide additional erosion protection such as reinforced turf matting or riprap if needed to prevent future erosion problems.
	Weeds are present.	Remove the weeds, preferably by hand. If a pesticide is used, wipe it on the plants rather than spraying.
Filter bed and underdrain collection system	Water is ponding on the surface for more than 24 hours after a storm.	Check to see if the collector system is clogged and flush if necessary. If water still ponds, remove the top few inches of filter bed media and replace. If water still ponds, then consult an expert.
The outlet device	Clogging has occurred.	Clean out the outlet device. Dispose of the sediment off-site.
	The outlet device is damaged	Repair or replace the outlet device.
The receiving water	Erosion or other signs of damage have occurred at the outlet.	Contact the local NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources Regional Office.