

STORMWATER BMP MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTIONS

Keep our community clean. Keep our waterways healthy.

Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) - such as rain gardens, bioretention areas, infiltration basins, and detention basins - help reduce flooding and filter pollutants from stormwater runoff. These systems only work when they are properly maintained.

New Holland Borough requires property owners (including HOA's, businesses, and residents) to maintain BMPs in accordance with recorded Operation & Maintenance (O&M) agreements.



✓ INSPECT REGULARLY.

- Inspect BMPs at least once a year and after major storms.
- Look for sediment buildup, erosion, standing water, or any signs of damage or blockage.



✓ REMOVE SEDIMENT AND DEBRIS.

- Remove trash, leaves, and accumulated sediment.
- Keep inlets, outlets, and overflow structures clear to ensure proper flow.



✓ MAINTAIN VEGETATION.

- Keep vegetation healthy and replace dead plants.
- Remove invasive weeds and mow only when necessary to maintain proper function and appearance.

✓ CHECK STRUCTURES.

- Inspect pipes, inlets, outlets, and embankments for damage, erosion, or blockage.
- Ensure all components are in good working condition.



✓ FOLLOW O&M AGREEMENTS.

- Maintain BMPs in accordance with your recorded Operation & Maintenance (O&M) agreement, as required by New Holland Borough.
- A responsible party must be identified and contact information kept on file with the Borough.

✓ KEEP RECORDS.

- Keep written records of inspections and maintenance activities, including dates and any repairs performed.
- Records should be retained for at least 10 years.
- Records may be requested by the Borough as part of MS4 compliance.



IMPORTANT: It is unlawful to modify, remove, fill, or impair any stormwater BMP or conveyance without prior written approval from New Holland Borough.

Protect your BMPs • Protect your property • Protect our waterways •



For more information on how you can practice proper stormwater management, check out the following stormwater websites:

New Holland Borough: www.newhollandborough.org/departments/stormwater

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection: www.dep.pa.gov/Business/Water/CleanWater/StormwaterMgmt

Environmental Protection Agency: www.epa.gov/npdes/npdes-stormwater-program