

Barton Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Control Project

Roadside rain garden maintenance: what can you expect?

King County is responsible for regular maintenance of roadside rain gardens year round. You can expect to see crews onsite at least monthly performing regular maintenance. Expect more frequent visits before and after large storms, and during the summer growing season.

Here is what crews will be doing:

- Monitoring plant health
- Removing weeds
- Monitoring drainage
- Removing debris and trash
- Clearing curb inlets and gutters
- Caring for the pipes and deep wells
- Gathering ongoing information on the performance of roadside rain gardens

Since the construction hotline will no longer be in use, please call the number listed on the curb marker if you see:

- Ponding water that lasts longer than 24 hours after it has stopped raining
- Vandalism
- Spills or contamination
- Other major concerns



King County CSO Control Facility

24-hour maintenance hotline

206-263-3801



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King County installed curb markers on every block with information on how to contact the County with questions or concerns about the rain gardens.

If you see a small amount of garbage in a roadside rain garden, please pick it up!

While crews will be on the lookout for problems when they perform regular maintenance, they are not onsite daily like neighbors. Keeping hotline calls to major issues ensures a prompt response when needed.

Roadside Rain Garden Establishment Maintenance Schedule - Through Summer 2017

| ROADSIDE RAIN GARDEN MAINTENANCE TASKS | | | | | |
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| | | PLANTING AREA MONITORING AND MAINTENANCE Work activities vary throughout the year. A visit may include one or more of the following per visit: Trim Perennials and Grasses Weed Planted Areas Remove Trash and Debris Maintain Crossings | WATERING, AS NEEDED Permanent Irrigation | OBSERVE / ACT AS NECESSARY Work activities vary throughout the year. A visit may include one or more of the following per visit: General Plant Health Tree and Shrub Pruning Plant Debris Erosion or Sediment Buildup Roadside Rain Garden Function | APPLY MULCH (as needed) |
| GROWING SEASON | February | 2X / Month | | x | |
| | March | 2X / Month | | x | |
| | April | 2X / Month | 3X / Week | x | Mulch - 1X |
| | May | 2X / Month | 3X / Week | x | |
| | June | 2X / Month | 3X / Week | x | |
| | July | 2X / Month | 3X / Week | x | |
| | August | 2X / Month | 3X / Week | x | |
| | September | 2X / Month | 3X / Week | x | |
| | October | 2X / Month | 3X / Week | x | Mulch - 1X |
| DORMANT SEASON | November | 2X / Month | | x | |
| | December | 1X / Month | | x | |
| | January | 1X / Month | | x | |

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Roadside Rain Garden Routine Maintenance Schedule - Starting Fall 2017

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