



CITY OF PORT ORCHARD

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Mandatory Stormwater System Inspection Maintenance

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

Each year, the stormwater systems on private property must be inspected. Enclosed is a Maintenance Checklist that should make the task easier. Please reuse the Drainage Maintenance Standards Booklet sent in previous years when completing the inspection (if you do not have one, please contact me or visit our website listed below). A copy of the Stormwater Plan for the property is available upon request, please retain these for the next maintenance season.

Why are we doing this? State laws and City ordinances require annual inspections to assure the quality of stormwater, all of which flows through our streams into Sinclair Inlet. Ponds, swales, and chambers all help to remove pollutants from the water before it reaches our aquatic environment. These systems also slow the rush of water, thereby reducing erosion and sediment load downstream and improving water quality.

Is it difficult? No, it is not difficult, although it will take a little time and you need to know what you are looking for. The booklet should help; and we are glad to answer your questions if you call us at 876-4991.

Can I get help with this? The City can answer your questions and give advice, but we cannot do the inspection for you. You can call a qualified contractor and hire them to do the work, a list of stormwater maintenance providers is attached.

After I inspect it, what then? Please mail, e-mail, or deliver the inspection sheet back to City Hall by the deadline (September 4, 2009). This is important so that time and tax dollars can be better spent on needed projects, rather than on reminding people to complete their inspections. Thank you for your prompt attention to this important inspection.

If you have any questions, please call me at 360-876-4991. If you need additional forms, the Drainage Maintenance Standards Booklet or another list of service providers please visit our website at www.cityofportorchard.us/index.php/public-works-forms for this information.

Respectfully,

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