

# Stormwater Facility Operation and Maintenance Fact Sheet

## ► DRY WELLS

Dry wells store runoff and allow it to infiltrate into native soil. The primary objective of maintenance is to **avoid entry of fine sediments** which may clog the soil interface. Typical inspection and maintenance tasks include the following:

- Inspect periodically and following **major storms**. Remove any accumulated trash or sediment.
- Clean out **sediment traps** and pre-filters.
- Check **observation wells** 2-3 days after storms to confirm drainage.
- Repair any **erosion** at inflow or overflow structures.
- Mow and trim **vegetation** around the dry well.

Upon failure (when the dry well fails to drain within 72 hours) the dry well must be renovated. Typically this requires removal of rock fill and accumulated sediment, scarification of the bottom, replacement of filter fabric, and refilling the dry well with clean rock fill.