

**DESCRIPTION:**

Maintain catch basin and stormwater inlets on a regular basis to remove pollutants, reduce high pollutant concentrations during the first flush of storms, prevent clogging of the downstream conveyance system, and restore the catch basins' sediment trapping capacity. A catch basin is distinguished from a stormwater inlet by having at its base a sediment sump designed to catch and retain sediments below the overflow point. This information sheet focuses on the cleaning of accumulated sediments from catch basins.

**APPROACH:**

Regular maintenance of catch basins and inlets is necessary to ensure their proper functioning. Clogged catch basins are not only useless but may act as a source of sediments and pollutants. In general, the key to effective catch basins are:

- ▶ At least annual inspections.
- ▶ Prioritize maintenance to clean catch basins and inlets in areas with the highest pollutant loading.
- ▶ Clean catch basins in high pollutant load areas just before the wet season to remove sediments and debris accumulated during the summer.
- ▶ Keep accurate logs of the number of catch basins cleaned.
- ▶ Record the amount of waste collected.

**LIMITATIONS:**

There are no major limitations to this best management practice.

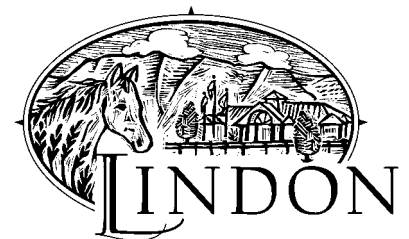
**MAINTENANCE:**

Regular maintenance of public and private catch basins and inlets is necessary to ensure their proper functioning. Clogged catch basins are not only useless but may act as a source of sediments and pollutants. In general, the keys to effective catch basins are:

- ▶ Annual/monthly inspection of public and private facilities to ensure structural integrity, a clean sump, and a stenciling of catch basins and inlets.
- ▶ Keep logs of the number of catch basins cleaned.
- ▶ Record the amount of waste collected.

**PROGRAM ELEMENTS**

- New Development
- Residential
- Commercial Activities
- Industrial Activities
- Municipal Facilities
- Illegal Discharges



Adapted from Salt Lake County BMP Fact Sheet

**TARGETED POLLUTANTS**

- Sediment
- Nutrients
- Heavy Metals
- Toxic Materials
- Oxygen Demanding Substances
- Oil & Grease
- Floatable Materials
- Bacteria & Viruses

- High Impact
- Medium Impact
- Low or Unknown Impact

**IMPLEMENTATION REQUIREMENTS**

- Capital Costs
- O&M Costs
- Regulatory
- Training
- Staffing
- Administrative

- High     Medium     Low