

## ABOUT US

The Colorado Stormwater Center at Colorado State University provides stormwater-related education, training and research with the goal of maintaining and improving the health of lakes, rivers and streams through proper stormwater management. The list below is a sample of audiences we target for education and training.

- Stormwater professionals
- Local governments
- MS4 permittees
- Construction and landscape contractors
- Stormwater inspectors and maintenance personnel
- Public citizens and HOAs
- Private businesses

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# Stormwater BMP Maintenance Training for Landscape Contractors



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## BMP Maintenance 101

Permanent stormwater best management practices (BMPs) are designed to remove pollution and prevent flooding. Some common BMPs include detention basins, rain gardens/bioretention cells, wetlands, grass swales and permeable pavements.

BMP owners are responsible by law to keep their BMPs properly maintained to reduce flooding and prevent stormwater pollution from entering lakes and streams. Every year or so, a local city/county inspector visits each BMP and determines if the BMP's condition is in compliance with regulations. If the BMP is not in compliance, the city/county will issue a violation notice and require the BMP owner to fix the problem or else face fines.



Poorly maintained BMP outlet structure

## Your Role as Landscape Contractor

As landscape contractors, you can provide BMP maintenance services to many of your existing customers to help them stay in compliance with stormwater regulations. Just like any landscape maintenance, BMP maintenance is not difficult or expensive if it is performed routinely and properly, however it is not the same as general landscape maintenance and specialized training is need to perform BMP maintenance activities properly.

Many BMP owners, especially those with violations, have requested names of certified contractors that can provide stormwater BMP maintenance services. However, in the past there was not any certification process here in Colorado. But that is about to change...



Poorly maintained BMP trickle channel

## BMP MAINTENANCE TRAINING

### Permanent BMP Inspection and Maintenance Workshop

The Colorado Stormwater Center is now offering a 2-day workshop that will teach you how to perform proper BMP maintenance for your customers. These workshops will include 6-8 hours of interactive classroom lecture/exercises and 6-8 hours of field trips various BMP sites. Those contractors that successfully complete a workshop will receive Stormwater BMP Maintenance Certification from Colorado State University and their names/company will be listed on our website.

Visit our website to sign up for an upcoming workshop and be the one of the first contractors in Colorado to receive this certification!

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Questions? Please contact the Colorado Stormwater Center or your local BMP inspector (below).