

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Bureau of Environmental Services Stormwater Management Division

DRY WELL – Residential: Operation and Maintenance

- Dry wells shall be inspected and cleaned annually. This includes pipes, gutters, downspouts and all filters.
- Ponding, standing water or algae growth on the top of a dry well may indicate failure due to sedimentation in the gravel media.
- If water ponds for more than 48 hours after a major storm or more than 6" of sediment has accumulated, the gravel media should be excavated and replaced.
- Privately owned practices shall have a maintenance plan and shall be protected by easement, deed restriction, ordinance or other legal measures preventing its neglect, adverse alteration and removal.

