



# STORMWATER BMP MAINTENANCE NEWSLETTER



## Winter is Coming...

Technically, its already here but in the Mid-Atlantic, we tend to get the white stuff in late January and February... are you ready for it? See our Winter Maintenance Tips below.

## We are award winners... you helped make it possible!

Montgomery County was one of six recipients of the [Water Environment Federation's](#) new national municipal stormwater and green infrastructure award this year. Montgomery County won the Phase I program management category for its multifaceted and effective Municipal Separate

Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) program and was recognized as a national leader in stormwater management. Developed through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the award recognizes high-performing, regulated MS4s and inspires municipal government agencies to exceed requirements through innovative and cost-effective approaches.



Cooperation and collaboration with stormwater facility owners is an important part of any successful stormwater management program. We appreciate your efforts!

## Winter Maintenance Tips

- Be sure safety signs around wet ponds are visible and indicate "no skating." Frozen ponds are very attractive to kids. Please stop kids from skating if you see it happening. You could save a life.
- Consider marking stormdrain inlet locations to inform plow contractors of their existence. It is not uncommon for snow plows to hit and damage inlets - thereby costing property owners unnecessary repair expenses.
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## Winter Maintenance Tips, cont.

- Don't allow plowing of snow into stormwater facilities or in front of stormdrain inlets. Large piles of snow, sand, and road grit can actually block the flow of runoff and cause flooding in roads. In addition to blocking stormdrains, when snow piles melt, they leach salt and road grit into stormwater facilities and our streams.
  - If you have permeable pavement/concrete, do not apply sand and cut back almost entirely on salt. Clogging the pore spaces can lead to costly pavement rehabilitation. Even in cold weather, porous pavement will often melt snow and water off the surface before it can turn into ice, reducing maintenance costs.
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## SWFM Contractor Training

A company that performs maintenance on a stormwater management facility in Montgomery County must hold a certificate of attendance and re-certify every 3 years. The trainings are split into 2 different days. You must attend both days if you desire both aboveground and belowground certification. Both sessions will be held at the **Sidney Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center @ 12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown, MD 20874 from 9:00 am until 12:00 p.m.** You must sign-up to take the classes.

- Aboveground: Monday, March 21, 2016
- Belowground: Wednesday, March 23, 2016
- Please contact [MC.Stormwater@MontgomeryCountyMD.gov](mailto:MC.Stormwater@MontgomeryCountyMD.gov) for more information.

Winter: January 11, 2016