

Roadside rain garden maintenance: what can you expect?

King County is responsible for regular maintenance of roadside rain gardens year round. You can expect to see crews onsite at least monthly performing regular maintenance. Expect more frequent visits before and after large storms, and during the summer growing season.

Here is what crews will be doing:

- Monitoring plant health
- Removing weeds
- Monitoring drainage
- Removing debris and trash
- Clearing curb inlets and gutters
- Caring for the pipes and deep wells
- Gathering ongoing information on the performance of roadside rain gardens

Since the construction hotline will no longer be in use, please call the number listed on the curb marker if you see:

- Ponding water that lasts longer than 24 hours after it has stopped raining
- Vandalism
- Spills or contamination
- Other major concerns





King County installed curb markers on every block with information on how to contact the County with questions or concerns about the rain gardens.

If you see a small amount of garbage in a roadside rain garden, please pick it up!

While crews will be on the lookout for problems when they perform regular maintenance, they are not onsite daily like neighbors. Keeping hotline calls to major issues ensures a prompt response when needed.

Roadside Rain Garden Routine Maintenance Schedule - Starting Fall 2017

	ROADSIDE RAIN GARDEN MAINTENANCE TASKS				
		PLANTING AREA MONITORING AND MAINTENANCE Work activities vary throughout the year. A visit may include one or more of the following per visit: Weed Planted Areas Remove Trash and Debris Maintain Crossings	WATERING, AS NEEDED Permanent Irrigation	OBSERVE / ACT AS NECESSARY Work activities vary throughout the year. A visit may include one or more of the following per visit: General Plant Health Tree and Shrub Pruning Perennial and Grass Trimming Plant Debris Erosion or Sediment Buildup Roadside Rain Garden Function	APPLY MULCH (as needed)
GROWING SEASON	February	2X / Month		X	
	March	2X / Month		X	Mulch - 1X
	April	2X / Month		X	
	May	2X / Month		X	
	June	2X / Month	2X / Week	X	
	July	2X / Month	2X / Week	X	
	August	2X / Month	2X / Week	x	
	September	2X / Month	2X / Week	X	
	October	2X / Month		X	
DORMANT SEASON	November	2X / Month		x	
	December	1X / Month		x	
	January	1X / Month		х	

1. King County will be responsible for the long term maintenance of the roadside rain gardens designed for CSO control in accordance with Ecology regulatory requirements.





