



# Frequently Asked Questions about Stormwater

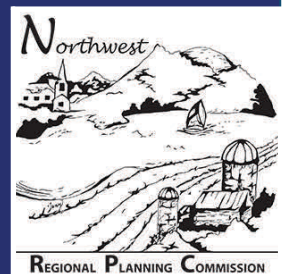


## Driveway Maintenance FAQs

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### **Does it matter where my waterbar drains to?**

Yes, you want the waterbar outlet to drain into a stable vegetated area. Otherwise, it may increase erosion on an unstable location causing more problems.

### **I've installed a waterbar on my steep driveway and I still have erosion problems, what next?**

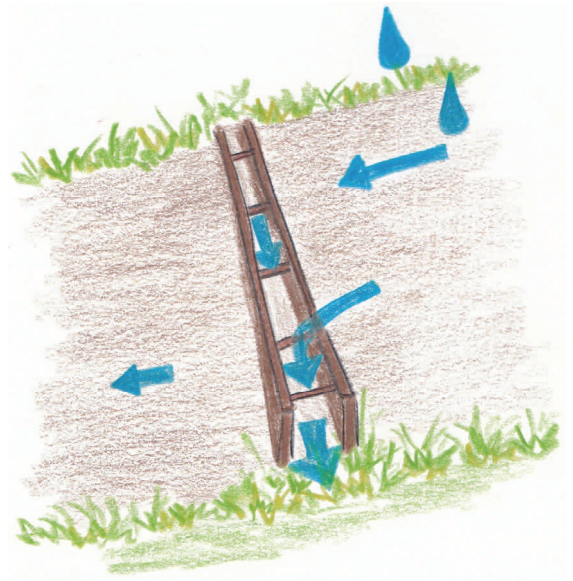
Some steeper slopes require more than one waterbar to be able to intercept all of the water. Next time it rains, go out and watch where the water is heading. If the waterbar you have is overflowing, place one above it. If there is more of an erosion problem below, then place one there. You may even need one above and below the current waterbar, it all depends on your property.

### **What type of maintenance is required for waterbars?**

They should be checked periodically after storm events for erosion behind the structure or at the outlet. Repairs should be made as soon as possible to reduce problems. There will also need to be periodic removal of leaves and other debris that are accumulated.

### **I don't have an erosion problem on my driveway, why should I install a waterbar?**

Waterbars reduce the volume of runoff from a driveway entering a ditch or storm drain. By diverting the runoff from your driveway into a stable absorption area, it reduces the polluted runoff entering local surface waters.



### **References**

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