

ENVIRONMENTAL TIP #55



DID YOU KNOW grass channels or swales reduce runoff and do a better job of encouraging infiltration and removing pollutants from stormwater than a traditional curb and gutter system?

Grass channels in yards are usually shallow enough that they can be mowed as part of your normal yard maintenance.

On the Eastern Shore of Maryland, grass channels are common in residential areas because they function well in relatively flat coastal plain geography. It is the responsibility of homeowners to maintain grass channels by keeping them clear of debris and blockages.

Every property needs some form of stormwater management to prevent erosion and promote infiltration and remove pollutants from runoff.

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