

Swale Maintenance Guidelines

This flyer outlines the proper procedures that should be used to maintain your driveway culvert. Visit <https://townofcarrboro.org/2566/Swale-Maintenance> for more information.



DID YOU KNOW?

In general, swales are the responsibility of the owner of the property upon which it is located. Driveways, and their associated culverts or bridges, that cross public drainage systems (e.g., that cross over ditches or streams) are also property owner responsibilities.

Property owners are responsible for routine swale maintenance such as:

- Grass mowing/trimming
- Minor erosion issues
- Grass/vegetation seeding/planting
- Trash / debris removal
- Minor sediment build up
- Removal of weeds

Corrections to grade or excessive erosion issue with road swales are the responsibility of Public Works. If you need to request service for the roadway swales contact Stormwater at stormwater@townofcarrboro.org or 919-913-2999.

Owners should ensure that swales and culverts are kept free of yard waste (grass clippings, tree trimmings, and leaves) or other obstructions that may block the flow of water, including:

- Driveways and their associated culverts or bridges
- Fences (where approved)
- Trees, shrubs and other landscaping features within the right of way (where allowed)
- Trash/recycling bins
- Pet waste
- Toys and recreational equipment (i.e.: bikes, balls, plastic pails, etc.)

All swales must meet certain specifications based on natural drainage in the area; please contact the Stormwater Division at 919-913-2999 or stormwater@townofcarrboro.org for technical advice before you make any changes to swales or culverts to ensure it meets all requirements and regulations.

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