



DESCRIPTION:

An area excavated around a storm drain inlet to impound water below the inlet.

APPLICATION:

- ▶ Construct at storm drainage inlets located downgradient of areas to be disturbed by construction (for inlets in paved areas see other information sheets for inlet protection).

INSTALLATION/APPLICATION CRITERIA:

- ▶ Provide upgradient sediment controls, such as silt fence during construction of inlet.
- ▶ When construction of inlet is complete, excavate adjacent area 1 to 2 feet lower than the grate elevation. Size of excavated area should be based on soil type and contributing acreage.

LIMITATIONS:

- ▶ Recommended maximum contributing drainage area of one acre.
- ▶ Limited to inlets located in open unpaved areas.
- ▶ Requires flat area adjacent to inlet.

MAINTENANCE:

- ▶ Inspect inlet protection following storm event and at a minimum of once monthly.
- ▶ Remove accumulated sediment when it reaches one half of the excavated sump below the grate.
- ▶ Repair side slopes as required.

OBJECTIVES

- Housekeeping Practices
- Contain Waste
- Minimize Disturbed Areas
- Stabilize Disturbed Areas
- Protect Slopes/Channels
- Control Site Perimeter
- Control Internal Erosion



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TARGETED POLLUTANTS

- Sediment
- Nutrients
- Toxic Materials
- Oil & Grease
- Floatable Materials
- Other Waste

- High Impact
- Medium Impact
- Low or Unknown Impact

IMPLEMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

- Capital Costs
- O&M Costs
- Maintenance
- Training

- High
- Medium
- Low