

SWALE MAINTENANCE

A properly maintained swale helps prevent stormwater pollution and flooding. Swales are designed to collect runoff, filter pollutants, control flooding, prevent erosion, and provide a drainage area for stormwater. The following information will assist you with ensuring your swale area manages stormwater runoff efficiently.

- ✓ Mow and maintain swale areas to promote healthy grass growth.
- ✓ Minimize the use of lawn and garden chemicals.
- ✓ Avoid overwatering the swale area.
- ✓ Keep swales free of litter, branches, leaves and limbs so water can soak into the ground.
- ✓ Avoid parking cars on swales, this compacts the soil and prevents stormwater from soaking into the ground.
- ✓ Swales located in or partially in the City of Coeur d' Alene right of way may not be altered by re-grading or filled with concrete, rock, dirt or anything other than grass unless prior approval from the city is received.
- ✓ Altering a swale may disrupt its natural drainage features, causing flooding and stormwater pollution.